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ove is not love/Which alters when it alteration finds/ Or bends with the remover to remove." So lyricised Shakespeare in one of the most affecting of all his sonnets, articulating better than, well, probably anyone what it is to be in love. Excuse us if we have come over a trifle sentimental, but love is in the air as we herald the arrival of Valentine's Day. Whatever your take on it (brilliant excuse to be soppy, or commercial opportunity to flog over-priced food to couples dutifully making their annual romantic gesture), it does get one thinking.

One woman who has pondered affairs of the heart more than most is local playwright Ziella Bryars, who stages an annual series of short plays called *Love Bites*. She tells us how not to end a date (a clue: directions to a bus stop won't go down well) and how it's the little things that count, (p.35).

Another who has written extensively on love is the philosopher and School of Life founder Alain de Botton. Alexander Larman met him to find out why he's lately turned his attention to the beneficial role religion can play in the lives of atheists, (p.8).

Finally, I do hope you enjoy The Resident's new look, for which Pimlico jeweller Robinson Pelham has created the bespoke celebratory necklace on our front cover – read all about the love, care and attention lavished on it on p.24. Until next time...



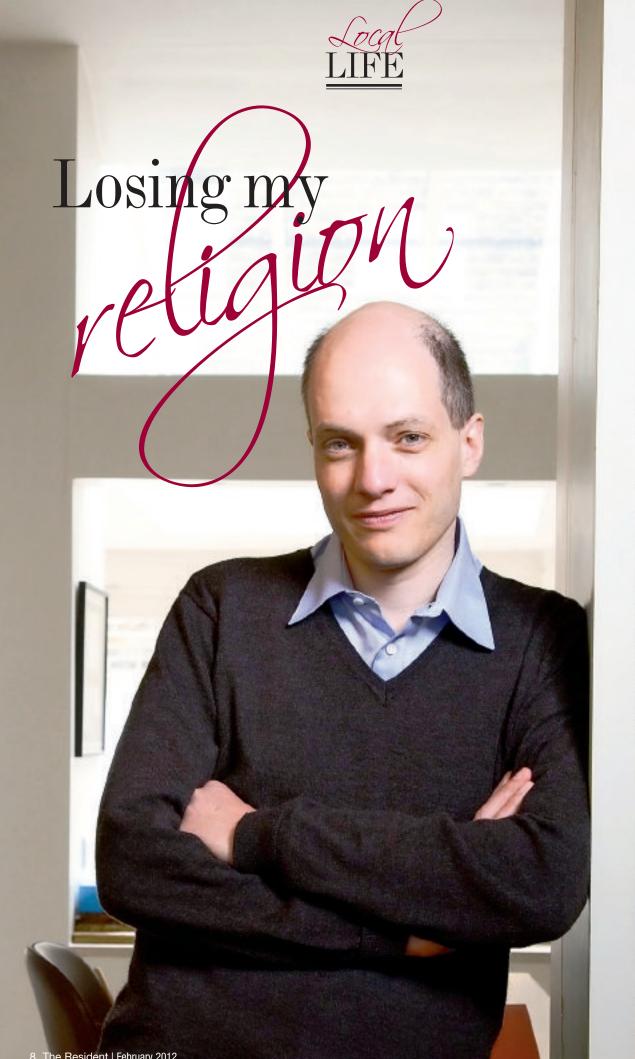
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Philosopher, founder of The School of Life and author of How Proust Can Change Your Life, Alain de Botton is a man who has always split opinion. He tells Alexander Larman why, despite being an atheist himself, he is now taking on another divisive set - the hard-line likes of Dawkins and Hitchens - to address how religion can work for non-believers

lain de Botton is, to put it mildly, something of a divisive figure. Best known for writing a series of books that have explored the philosophical and social underpinnings of everything from status and travel to love and jobs, he has been described by his fans as inspirational and life-affirming, whereas naysayers have described him as "scandalously shallow and perverse". He's been namechecked in the cult comedy series Peep Show, attracted international notice for his School Of Life project in Bloomsbury, and was much pilloried for responding to a negative review of one of his books with the words "I will hate you until the day I die and wish you nothing but ill will in every career move you make." Bearing all this in mind, and noting his reputation as a charming and hugely intelligent man (even if one journalist commented on his defensive use of "almost repellent politeness"), which of these Alain de Bottons was I about to meet?

The man who answers the door on a cold winter evening just before Christmas is hardly the sort who would appear to make enemies easily. Slightly intense, but with a self-deprecating wit that is perhaps sometimes lacking on the page, he's a beguiling interviewee, who relishes the back and forth of debate. We've met to discuss his latest book, Religion For Atheists, in which he argues that even the most secular among us can gain a great deal from aspects of religious observance, whether it's the social compact formed by communities or the emphasis placed on family. It's an interesting time for such a book to be published, given the rise of such vehemently anti-religion figures as Richard Dawkins and Christopher Hitchens; coincidentally, we meet the week after Hitchens died. For de Botton, his interests lie elsewhere. "Dawkins and Hitchens absorbed a huge amount of dissatisfaction with religion, and revealed that there's a constituency out there who can't bear it. They may be a minority, but it's an intelligent, near-elite minority, and it took me by surprise to hear how vociferous they were. However, I think that the majority of people in the UK are mildly religious, saying things like 'I can't swallow the whole thing, but bits are interesting.' Call

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I think that the majority of people in the UK are mildly religious, saying things like 'I can't swallow the whole thing, but bits are interesting.' Call it spiritual shopping, but it's no different to finding parts of philosophy that you find most compelling

parts of philosophy that you find most compelling." Something de Botton discusses in the book is the way in which religion itself can be taken away from its doctrinal origins in favour of something looser. "Really, the benefit tends to be social and aesthetic, rather than a specific bit of the New Testament."

The rise of secularism

However, unlike Philip Pullman, who describes himself as "an atheist, but a Book of Common Prayer atheist", there's no ambiguity in de Botton's views. "I certainly am an atheist, but there are a lot of Anglicans who are more drawn to things like Christmas carols and evensong than questions of belief. The idea for the book came from thinking: 'Look, there are a lot of people who perhaps don't believe in God, but would like to gather in a room and sing together." I wonder out loud whether this is somewhat provided for by people going to a rock concert and worshipping the exalted figures on stage while they sing their new communal anthems together. De Botton frowns slightly and talks loftily about the glorification of sexual love and the anonymity of the crowd. I can't help thinking about gigs I've been to, where euphoric bliss at the music's majesty creates a transcendent atmosphere that seems alien to many religious services.

One question that de Botton's book asks implicitly

Alain de Botton portrait by Vincent Starr

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Above: The facade of The School of Life

is when society, as a whole, turned away from the church. We agree that, despite what conservative commentators might argue, it was probably the 19th-century that saw people beginning to establish independent secular opinions. For de Botton, unsurprisingly, philosophy was the guiding movement behind this. "People started to be worried about what was going to hold society together, and it wasn't just religion any more. You have philosophers such as Kant and Mill - to say nothing of Nietzsche, pronouncing God to be dead - who became remarkable figures, even if the vast majority weren't listening. It was the church who had the powerful way of getting its ideas across, through services and sermons, and in a way nothing's changed. The modern secular world has some tremendous ideas, but is terribly bad at getting them across. Rationality isn't enough; we need a bit of seduction."

The School of Life

De Botton makes no bones about how his School of Life project has inspired the book. Offering everything from secular sermons (ranging from Grayson Perry on kinky sex to Ruby Wax on ego) to weekend classes, it's taken the bold step of treating intelligent adults as capable of independent thought in a way that many may not have encountered since university, and possibly not even then. It's cited as one of de Botton's great successes, and he's quietly proud of how, since its opening in 2008, it has occupied a significant place in London intellectual life. "We're not trying to be a religion, or a cult, but what we've tried to examine is what people care about, and the best way of delivering that. Thus, while traditional sermons are supposed to frighten you, ours are intended to be the sincere expression of a heartfelt idea."

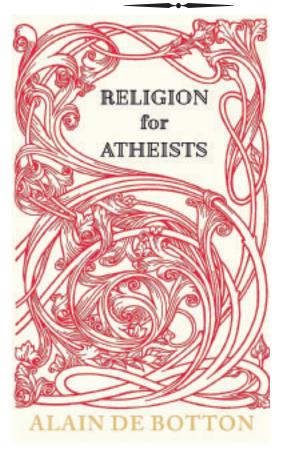
Nonetheless, I can't help expressing a measure of scepticism at the idea that the School of Life - sincere though it is - can really create a kinship of strangers in the way church attendance can. For a start, religious services are free and thus cater to the dispossessed, whereas the School of Life's classes are hardly cheap - admittedly an inevitability where a privately run foundation that attracts leading guest speakers is concerned. Acknowledging that this is at least partly the case, he says: "We're tremendously bad as human beings at creating communities. especially in a big city like London. Look at parties - everyone gathers in disparate groups until one person says that simple but crucial thing 'X, meet Y', and thus legitimises the wider gathering. You don't need God to do that." Does de Botton see himself in this neo-secular-deity role of the figure who brings everyone together? He smiles, but doesn't answer, perhaps wishing to avoid the inevitable charge of arrogance that such a statement might bring.

Second generation atheist

De Botton calls himself "a second generation atheist", whose parents, one of whom was the financier Gilbert de Botton, rejected religion in all its forms, but he takes what he terms "a more benevolent attitude" to the subject. "While you've got the extremist religious parents, who might drive their children into the Hitchens and Dawkins camp, I think more people grow up with parents without any particular interest in religion, with the church as a bit of a joke. It's those people who might start to be curious about what this great bygone institution is, and might take some interest in it." However, the idea that this curiosity might lead to religious belief doesn't convince de Botton. "People might think that they like the priest and that they like what they have to say about ten topics, by the time they're not convinced about the eleventh, that's where doubt is going to set in. There's goodwill and sympathy, but to a lot of people, it's an enduringly alien belief system."

Over the course of an hour's chat with de Botton, I warm to him, possibly more than I was expecting to. While he's frighteningly bright, as you'd expect from a man who took a double-starred first in history from Cambridge, he's also reassuringly down-to-earth, offering some amusingly barbed comments on the nature (and remuneration) of writing for a wide – "not mass" – audience these days, saying "I believe that one can be serious without being abstruse, or needing to dumb down." Given all our talk of how one's parents' beliefs can colour the views of their children, I ask him what advice he'd give to his own sons if they wanted to be writers. He pauses, and then smiles wanly. "Well, I'd try and convince them to see writing as more than a means of entertainment,

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Religion for Atheists is published by Hamilton/ hardback, £18.99

and to try and push them towards a more theoretical idea, a journalist of the soul if you will, and that they should hone their craft by writing short stories. But really? The worry and the sleepless nights and the anxiety... I'd be a bit distraught if they said they wanted to be writers! It's just all too alarming!" Don't hold your breath, then, for an Amis-esque de Botton

alaindebotton.com

literary dynasty any time soon.

Alain de Botton will talk about Religion for Atheists at The Royal Geographic Society in Kensington on 6 February, visit rgs.org for more information

The School of Life tackles everyday problems through the practical application of philosophy. Here's our pick of February's classes: **4 February**: 'How to find a job you love': one day, £125

11 February: 'How to have better conversations', £30.50

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Going dotty

Art lovers flocked to the launch of 'Damien Hirst: Spot Prints' at Other Criteria. The spot series is amongst his most iconic work and Hirst said: "While, in isolation, they may 'look sort of happy-like Skittles or kids sweets, when you see them together you get kind of lost in them and there's an underlying anxiousness." The exhibition coincides with 'The Complete Spot Paintings 1986-2011', which is showing at each of Gagosian Gallery's 11 locations.

Clockwise from top left: the arty crowd gather to admire Hirst's work; Itai Doron (left) and friend; Paul Stolper with wife Anna; the view through the gallery's facade



From left to right: Andrey Arshavin and Roman Pavlyuchenko; Chulpan Khamatora, Natalia Vodianova and Dina Korzan; Lord Dalmeny of Sotheby's, auctioneer for the evening, with Sabrina Guinness; and host Chulpan Khamatova with Evgeny Lebedev







Gift of Life

The Wallace Collection became the official birthplace of the Gift of Life Foundation UK last month, which is the sister to the Podari Zhizn Foundation, one of Russia's biggest and best-known philanthropic operations. The charity helps children suffering with cancer, and in aid of this excellent cause – one of whose chief hopes is to raise funds for Erwinase, a drug manufactured and sold in the UK, to be made available to Russian patients – the great and good of London-dwelling Russians, including Natalia Vodianova and Andrey Arshavin, turned out to show their support. The evening raised \$300,000; find out how you can help at <code>givelifenow.co.uk</code>



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Clockwise from top left: Bob Geldof and Jeanne Marine; *Totem* mid-performance; Ben Elton; Jimmy Carr; Eva Herzigova; one of the Cuban brothers

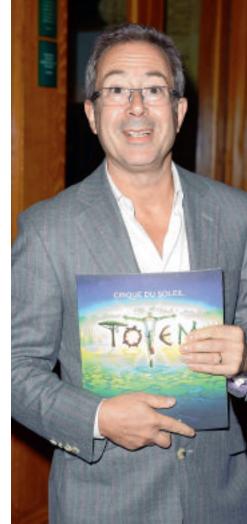








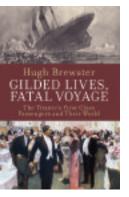






Well read

By Robert Gwyn Palmer



GILDED LIVES, FATAL VOYAGE, Hugh Brewster Robson Press, 16th February 2012

A hundred years ago this April the Titanic set off on its maiden voyage with the disastrous consequences that we all know about. Less well known is the atmosphere on board before it hit the iceberg. Brewster chronicles the voyage from a very different perspective, focusing on the enormously wealthy American early transatlantic 'commuters', and offering fascinating insights into their wheelings and dealings in both their business and social arrangements, including details of their illicit affairs. On board also was British fashion designer Lucille Duff Gordon, whose designs delighted and shocked Edwardians with their lack of 'underpinnings': in their way they heralded as much of a new beginning as the Titanic, whose aim had been to revolutionise international travel.



FUNNY HOW THINGS TURN OUT; 100 YEARS OF MOTHER AND ME, Judith Bruce

Simon and Schuster Hardback \$14.99
This is an exceptional account of a mother-and-daughter relationship formed over a greater period than most, as Bruce's mother, Muriel Newchurch, lived until she was 106. Starting with life in pre-Great War London, we're instantly transported to *Downton*-esque concerns of white gloves and status, but the Newchurches were nouveaux pauvres, and this legacy went a long way to shaping the blueprint for the next generation. Brought up in the Fifties, Bruce did her best to conform to her mother's standards but inevitably failed, except in sustaining the closeness of their relationship which gave her the compassion to look after her mother as she degenerated into dementia. Funny and sad, it offers many a rare insight.



THE ROUNDABOUT MAN, Clare Morrall

Sceptre Hardback \$17.99

Quinn lives on a roundabout in a sort of dystopian 'Ballardian' existence, hiding from the real world and living on scraps from the motorway service station. His reasons for living there are not for public consumption: all that is known about him is that his name is 'Quinn'. An unusual name, unusual enough for people to question whether he might be related to the 'Quinn' of the children's stories that featured embarrassing tales of a small boy with triplet sisters who had 'adventures'. Quinn's secret is the fact that he really was that boy and that it was his mother who wrote those stories. Why he's had to hide from his mother and – much more to the point – from his own life is beautifully, lyrically and subtly unfolded here by Clare Morrall, a novelist to watch.

ROYAL READS

QUEEN ELIZABETH II: HER LIFE IN OUR TIMES

Sarah Bradford

Viking Hardback \$20.00
What better year could there be to read a new biography of the Queen? Who'd have known, when she came to the throne in 1952, that the 'long to reign over us' of the National Anthem would mean that we'd enjoy the Qu strength of character as a mo

mean that we'd enjoy the Queen's strength of character as a monarch until her Diamond Jubilee and beyond? As shy and unpretentious as her father – the reluctant replacement for the errant Duke of Windsor - she has nonetheless ensured that any personal character traits remain secondary to her primary role as monarch. All of this is encapsulated here with genuine percipience but without resorting to any false attentiongrabbing claims. As the Queen's official biographer, with privileged access to the monarch, Bradford brings an intelligent, unsparing but fair approach to analysing the reign of Elizabeth II.

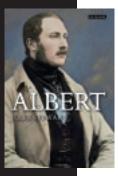


Jules Stewart I.B. Tauris \$25.00

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Albert, Queen Victoria's husband and helpmeet. Rather pathetically ridiculed by the British for being of German birth (with endemic xenophobia like this it's no wonder we have a Eurozone crisis now), he introduced radical reforms that swept away slum dwellings, built the Victoria and Albert Museum and the Royal Albert Hall and organised the Great Exhibition. This is the 150th anniversary of Albert's death, and it's a good moment to remind ourselves, through Jules Stewart's scholarly and informative biography, quite how much the British ought to be grateful to the 'minor German princeling' – and to ask who has done more for the country before or since?



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WFDNFSDAY

08 The English Chamber Orchestra joins leading American pianist Derek Han to perform Chopin, Grieg and Tchaikovsky at The Cadogan Hall. Martin Panteleev conducts. Tickets, £10 - £35, cadoganhall.com

THURSDAY

Get your fix of fresh talent at The Astronomer's Garden, written by Kevin Hood and performed by the students of LAMDA, Until 16 February. Book at lamda.org.uk

SUNDAY

Join The Serpentine Gallery for 'Making Sense', a sensory family day workshop inspired by Lygia Pape's exhibition, which is on show until 19 Feb. 12 – 5pm, serpentinegallery.org

TUFSDAY

14 Love is in the air at The Natural History Museum, as it hosts a special 'Turn Me On' night time safari which looks at love in the natural world. Not of a romantic persuasion? You can also join the 'Turn Me Off' tour on the same night. Tickets £28, members £25, book at nhm.ac.uk

TUESDAY

14 The Little Black Gallery presents 'Marco Glaviano: Supermodels', the first UK exhibition for the renowned fashion photographer, who counts Eva Herzigova and Cindy Crawford amongst his subjects. Until 24 March. Free, thelittleblackgallery.com

THURSDAY

The Royal College of Art hosts the 20 I 21 International Art Fair, which showcases contemporary work from across the UK and worldwide, featuring a special focus on Australian work. Artists include 20th-century favourites such as David Hockney, Damien Hirst and Henry Moore. £8, 20-21intartfair.com

THURSDAY

'Parallax AF - International Art Pair' comes to Chelsea Town Hall, featuring artists from the UK, USA, Europe, Ukraine, Poland, Turkey, Russia, Chile, Georgia, Australia, Uganda, Vietnam, Serbia, Japan, Romania, Armenia, UAE, Singapore, New Zealand and Canada. Free. rbkc.gov.uk/libraries

THURSDAY

Stephen Kelman, author of 16 2011 Man Booker shortlisted Pigeon English, comes to Kensington Library to discuss his first novel, which is set on a housing estate similar to the one he grew up on. £5/£3 concessions. 7pm, rbkc.gov.uk/libraries

MONDAY

20 Literary groupies head straight to the Natural History Museum as it hosts the Orion Authors' party... huddle outside to catch a glimpse of Julian Fellowes, Antonia Fraser and Michael Palin.

THURSDAY

Aida, Verdi's epic tale of eternal love set in ancient Egypt, comes to The Roval Albert Hall where it is staged in the round. Stephen Metcalf directs, accompaniment by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. Until 11 March, £21.50 - £75, royalalberthall.com

THURSDAY

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The Royal College of Art this year celebrates 175 years of producing world class artists, from Tracey Emin to David Hockney, Bridget Riley to Edwin Lutyens, and Sir James Dyson to Zandra Rhodes to name a few. To mark the anniversary, the Kensingtonbased institution is planning alumni events, exhibitions and to produce a publication on its history; in its launch year, it enrolled just 12 students and operated from Somerset House. "From its nineteenth-century roots through to the present day, the RCA plays a seminal role internationally in creative thought and practice. So many leading artists, writers, and designers have studied at the RCA, its influence over 175 years has profoundly shaped and enhanced modern life," said rector Dr Paul Thompson.

Double restaurant launch at Harrods Harrods has announced plans to open two new restaurants. Taking up residence will be Michelin-starred chefs Chris and Jeff Galvin, for whom a French cuisine restaurant will constitute their fifth venue in London, and Richard Corrigan who will open an outpost of Bentley's. As if we needed another excuse for a retail hit...



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Road safety

The new look £29m Exhibition Road was last month labelled 'dangerous' by blind campaigners for whom the curbless surface is hard to negotiate since guide dogs are unaware of where to stop. The council, meanwhile, hopes that the criss-crossed patterns and 20mph speed limit will mean that motorists will exercise caution. A spokesman said: "The scheme has been meticulously assessed throughout the design stages and we are now monitoring the road to see how it is used in practice."





Spruce up

Kensington and Chelsea council has invited bids from social housing landlords and residents to tap into a £465,000 regeneration pot to improve the appearance of estates. As well as aiming to ameliorate the aesthetic, the fund will also go towards bettering amenities; Cllr Timothy Coleridge, Cabinet Member for Housing and Property, said: "We are really keen to receive regeneration proposals that will improve the overall appearance of our social housing estates and help them work better... and, of course, help reduce antisocial behaviour." The closing date for applications is 3 February. Contact yinka. odusina@rbkc.gov.uk



Security scare

There was concern last month when, despite pleas from Buckingham Palace, plans detailing how to keep the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge safe from attack at Kensington Palace became available to the public - so long as a passport is shown at the Town Hall, where the drawings are kept. Former head of the Met's royal protection squad Dai Davies said: "It beggars belief at the level of incompetence by those who purport to be experts in security." The drawings are part of the planning application to make ready Princess Margaret's former apartment for the newlyweds.







While moonstones can be found in many locations across the world – in India, Burma, Madagascar or South America – the ones used in this necklace came from the idyllic island of Sri Lanka.

Robinson Pelham specialises in private commissions and seasonal collections, using precious metals and the finest of stones. The partnership was formed in 1996 by Kate Pelham Burn, Vanessa Chilton (nee Hunt) and Zoe Benyon (nee Robinson), working together as a design collective. Trained as goldsmiths, gemmologists and jewellery designers, they together had more than 20 years of experience working for luxury jewellery houses before joining up to start their own.

The workmanship in the moonstone and diamond Maratea necklace is of the highest quality, painstakingly hand-crafted in the UK to create a perfectly hypnotic finish. Yet, as Zoe explains, there are some very clear steps to creating such a necklace.

What's in a name?

"For a unique piece like this," she says, "we start with the central stones. The gold is shaped into what is to form the central setting and the settings for the other main stones. In the case of this necklace, the links between the larger stones needed to be identical to each other so we made a master link, and from this we made a mould and hence produced a set of identical links. These are then pre-polished and join the rest of the necklace for setting. The diamonds are then set into the surrounds for the main stones and also into the links, and the central stones are also set into the piece."

At that stage the links and settings are polished and then lasered together before they are polished again. As well as the various stages to making the necklace – from assembling the stones and mounting them, careful preparation, setting, polishing and then hallmarking – there are also other factors to consider when designing and making such a piece

making an intricate necklace is for it to sit correctly on the neck. "Being a bespoke jeweller, we have the luxury of being able to alter our jewels to fit the wearer, unless it is a personal commission piece in which case it should be made to fit from day one. In a bigger jewel, the challenge is to make it as wearable as possible." The detachable drop of this moonstone and diamond Maratea necklace allows it to be worn with a higher neckline, or for a less formal occasion.

The name Maratea is also of significance and comes from the beautiful coastal location in Basilicata region of Potenza, Italy. Remote, ancient and picturesque with breath-taking sea views, it is the only town on the Tyrrhenian coast and is also famed for having some 44 churches. Inspired by its beauty and links with the sea, Robinson Pelham chose to name one of their collections after Maratea. Zoe explains: "The first necklace we made in this style was aquamarine and diamond, so we named it after the sea."

As jewellers, Robinson Pelham are particularly discreet as regards their clientele and only reveal



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their address to those with an appointment for a design or fitting – indeed, the design house gained global renown for creating jewellery for Catherine Middleton, now the Duchess of Cambridge, to wear at her wedding last year to Prince William, all of which serves to further enhance the mystique and exclusivity of very special pieces of jewellery.

In collaboration with the Middleton family, they designed the diamond set stylised oak leaf earrings with a pear-shaped diamond set drop and a pavéset diamond acorn suspended in the centre which were worn by the Duchess of Cambridge.

They also designed the earrings for her sister and bridesmaid Philippa, with a more floral design to echo the style of her dress and headpiece.

With clients from British society and the arts and film world, Robinson Pelham specialises in creating limited-edition pieces to reflect themes and inspiration from the natural world.

They have also developed their expertise in breathing new life into unworn pieces of antique jewellery, re-setting stones and creating new pieces that have meaning to the wearer, immortalising an

heirloom that may otherwise have sat un-worn at the bottom of a jewellery box.

Latest designs include the Dragonfly, Hoar Frost and Maratea collections and feature cocktail rings, cufflinks, pendants, brooches, engagement rings, eternity rings, bracelets and necklaces are all amongst the designers' specialities.

The necklace created for The Resident, worth £68,000, was primarily made in 2011, with the central section completed as recently as January 2012. Unique, and to date the only moonstone and diamond Maratea necklace that Robinson Pelham has ever made, the trio of designers are understandably delighted with the result.

"It is a deeply satisfying creation," says Zoe.
"The heart shaped diamond works particularly well as the focus, and lends itself perfectly to holding a magnificent drop."

Asked what makes it so special, she replies: "Undoubtedly its ingredients; and how easy it is to wear." A sublime piece of jewellery, it is one that will see the lady lucky enough to wear it feel particularly special at any occasion

The trio of Robinson Pelham directors, from left to right: Vanessa Chilton (nee Hunt), Zoe Benyon (nee Robinson) and Kate Pelham Burn





Far left to right: polishing the diamond at the heart of the necklace to create the stunning finished piece above







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Above: Reflection (self-portrait), 1985. Private Collection. Ireland © The Lucian Freud Archive. Photo: Courtesy Lucian Freud Archive

Right and below: Eli pictured in front of Portrait of the Hound; Benefits Supervisor Sleeping, 1995, Private Collection © The Lucian Freud Archive. Photo: Courtesy Lucian Freud Archive





to have executed portraits of both The Queen and the fashion Bibles' reigning monarch Kate Moss, and furthermore, to have done so with such uncompromising candour? Indeed, when Her Majesty's picture was revealed, The Mirror ran the headline: "You're no oil painting Ma'am." Freud, meanwhile, lived unapologetically by his rationale to "paint people, not because of what they are like, not exactly in spite of what they are like, but how they happen to be." His work - though consequently at times labelled a touch forensic - was never anything less than honest, even if that honesty was occasionally of the brutal variety.

Like the majority of his sitters, Dawson is shown in the nude, the thick brushstrokes and unflinching realism speaking as much of the relationship between artist and sitter as of the subjects taken in isolation. Dawson had been Freud's most consistent sitter, and thus the easy - affectionate, even - nature of piece is clear; Dawson appears here as a man who – mid-recline – is only faintly surprised by the entrance of a familiar friend. Exhibition curator Sarah Howgate, who had talked with an animated and excited Freud only three weeks before he died about his last work, says: "Never has Freud's phrase, 'a human is an animal with his clothes off,' seemed more relevant... Like any artist, he was most excited about the most recent work he was painting". Indeed, he continued to work on the portrait until he was too frail, after which it remained in his studio - until, that is, the National Portrait Gallery retrieved it for incorporation in its 'Lucian Freud Portraits' show.

If it seems unusually timely that the gallery should present the exhibition so soon after Freud's death, it should be noted that this is no hastily compiled, opportunistic retrospective. Rather, the artist was entirely complicit in the show, and had worked on it with the gallery since 2005. Viewers can expect to see works that have previously garnered much attention, such as Benefits Supervisor Sleeping, which broke records in 2008 when Roman Abromovich bought it at auction for \$22m, and Large Interior, W11 (after Watteau). There will be familiar faces – the visages of those other commanders of blockbuster audiences David Hockney and Francis Bacon grace the gallery's hallowed walls - alongside those of Freud's family, lovers and friends - though of course, in Freud's case, his nearest and dearest tend to comprise a roll call of the ludicrously influential.

The paintings will be displayed broadly chronologically across his seven working decades, allowing audiences to trace both the development of Freud's relationships with his sitters, and his stylistic advancements right up to his final days. "He would have been incredibly moved by it. It is his life in paint," says Howgate. Sandy Nairne, director of the National Portrait Gallery, said: "We are delighted to bring together so many outstanding portraits created by one of the great artists of our time."

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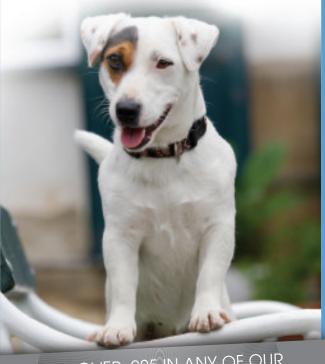
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When a sonnet just won't do

Kensington-based Ziella Bryars is the brains behind Love Bites, an annual series of short plays from emerging young writers. Here she writes on why it's not the grand gestures that count – and how not to sign off a Valentine's card

hen I started producing *Love Bites*, a showcase of new plays on the theme of love, the main challenge wasn't finding new writers or talented actors or even a good audience; it was finding a way to talk about love in the fast-paced and prevailingly cynical city that is London.

Londoners aren't really known for their sense of romance. It's not that we don't feel or emote, we are – honestly – human too, but who has the time or headspace to make great gestures of love in a city that moves so fast and packs us in so tightly? We favour humour that's post-modern, we like a hint of sarcasm and our compliments are so subtle they're barely perceptible – heaven forbid we say something too nice and get mistaken for being sentimental.

So how do you tell love stories to a crowd like that? Firstly you need writers who really know how to talk about modern relationships. None of our plays are epics or melodramas, instead they look at little moments within or snapshots of a relationship. The majority of our writers are also young Londoners – and who knows better how to talk about modern romantic complexities than the people currently facing them? We produce stories our audience can watch without scoffing. If every play in *Love Bites* took place in candle-lit restaurant we wouldn't last five minutes.

The stories I hear about romance in London are not generally those that dreams are made of. The anecdotes I've jotted down recently include a friend receiving bike lights for Valentine's Day, another being given directions to the bus stop at the end of her date and, my personal favourite, a friend receiving a Valentine's card signed with a non-commital, mate-ish "cheers". I have to admit I secretly thought the bike lights were quite sweet in a practical way – like most of us, I'm a commuter so I appreciate things like that. When I see a man give up his seat on the tube I always melt. It's the small things that get us.

It is talking about these small but touching gestures



that makes *Love Bites* work so well. The most successful pieces tell anecdotal, real-life stories that are modern and unpretentious. A needy friendship that's threatened by a new boyfriend, a blind date that brings out hidden prejudices, the Dutch courage that prompts a confession... nothing mushy, just stories that hide their sentiment deep enough for a Londoner to stomach.

Maybe, in the end, these little things are more romantic than those great gestures of love we hear about anyway. When my friend returned to work after having a baby her husband presented her with a series of gifts; a photo-frame for her desk, some new headphones for the tube and, finally, a Joe's Coffee gift card. When this last present came out every Londoner in the room suddenly became very quiet. He had prepaid for her morning cappuccinos for a month; from that point on, honestly, there wasn't a dry eye in the house.

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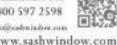


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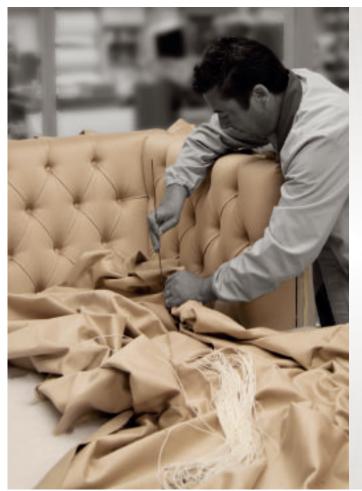
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Ultra feminine interiors are not just for the country dweller, nor need be restricted to a single girl's boudoir. In fact, says Christina Strutt of Cabbages & Roses, the easy, romantic look is adaptable for city pads or family homes. "It is based on classical designs that have endured fashion, minimalism and the test of time," she says. "It is real life and works with old and new." She advocates a mix of vintage eccentricities, lots of books, flowers and good lighting. To give a twist for 2012, she suggests "picking a minimal colour palette and accessorising accordingly."

Softly faded curtains, a linen sofa and a mix of florals are essentials, but what is the secret to a chic colour palette? Strutt suggests English winter reds and pinks or faded greys. Kate Forman also favours stone shades. "At the moment, I'm having a love affair with Charleston Gray from Farrow & Ball," she adds. Neutral walls provide the perfect backdrop for raspberry pinks, dashes of lilac or sherbet yellow. The right flowers add colour, too. Meanwhile, over at her flower school in SW1, Judith Blacklock takes a seasonal approach. "In spring, nothing is prettier than woody stems laden with pink apple and cherry blossom and scented lilac," she says.

For many, the romantic, easy look is quintessentially English, but for a simpler take, Gillian Newberry, owner of Bennison, suggests using florals sparingly. "A single wall of a classic floral can make a bold statement," she says. Or seek out the Kimono Blossom collection, new for SS/12 at Designers Guild, which breathes crisp new life into pretty florals and works beautifully with modern furniture.

The best news is that a soft, romantic look doesn't have to cost a lot. For budget options, look at House of Fraser's Vintage Chic and Faded Pastels collections for SS/12, where there are floral bed linens and pretty cushions galore, or add home-spun character with a hand-stitched patchwork quilt in faded florals. This is an easy style that you can build and add to over time, concludes Gabrielle Jarman, Senior Buyer at House of Fraser. "Imperfections such as mismatched cushions and crockery add to a relaxed, bohemian look." }

Above left: hallway dressed by Kate Forman Above right and near right: Rachel Ashwell's signature shabby chic Bottom middle: Cabbages and Roses' bedroom set-up Far right: a prettily understated dining room by Kate Forman





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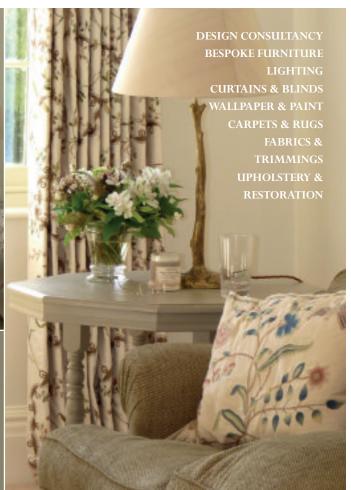
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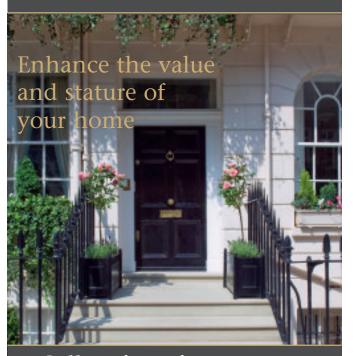
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Eastern Promise

Malaysia Kitchen has teamed up with British chefs Gary Rhodes and Tim Anderson to rustle up these mouth-watering Malay-inspired recipes to transport foodies and their palettes to the headily delectable East. Here's our top four to try at home...

"Otak Otak" mousse with gurnard and scallops

By Tim Anderson

Serves 4

For the mousse

200ml coconut milk

- 4 eggs
- 4 egg whites
- 1 inch galangal
- 8 candlenuts
- 4 kaffir lime leaves
- 1/4 white onion
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1/4 tsp ground coriander
- 1/2 tsp belacan
- 2 inches lemongrass

pinch white pepper

For the cream sauce

2 tsp sambal

200ml coconut milk

2 inches lemongrass, chopped

75ml single cream

3 kaffir lime leaves

4 gurnard fillets, skinned (about 500g)

20 small scallops or 4 large scallops, corals removed 20g butter

2 tbsp coriander leaves

Method

- 1. Place the coconut milk, galangal, candlenuts, kaffir lime leaves, onion, garlic, coriander, belacan, lemongrass, and white pepper in a food processor and blitz into small chunks. Bring this mixture to a simmer, then leave to infuse for one hour, or until the mixture is cool.
- 2. Strain through a fine sieve and beat in the whole eggs. Beat the whites to soft peaks and fold this into the coconut mixture. Generously butter four small ramekins and pour in the mixture, to about 5mm below the rim. Cover the ramekins with tin foil and pierce with a toothpick or fork, then set in a baking tray and fill halfway up with boiling water.
- Steam in a 160°C oven for 20-25 minutes, until the mousses have set and a skewer or knife inserted into the center comes out clean.
- 4. Bring the sambal, coconut milk, lemongrass, single cream and kaffir lime leaves to the boil, then reduce by half and strain.
- 5. Heat the butter in a pan until it is just foaming (do not let it brown), then add the scallops and gurnard. Cook for three minutes on each side (if using large scallops, transfer to a 200°C oven for 5 minutes to finish cooking).
- 6. To serve, turn out the mousse onto a plate, and serve the fish and scallops alongside. Spoon sauce over the mousse and seafood and garnish with chopped coriander



Nasi Lemak and Sambal prawn

By Gary Rhodes

Serves 4

This dish holds close to two classic Malaysian dishes - Prawn Sambal and Nasi Lemak. The great thing about both is their ease to prepare and cook, resulting in great pleasure to eat.

For the braised rice

300g long grain rice, washed in a sieve 400ml tin coconut milk 100ml water 1/2 tsp salt

3-4 thin slices of ginger

For the prawns

16-20 medium sized fresh king prawns, peeled

1 small or 1/2 large pineapple, cut into ½ cm cubes

2 tbsp light soft brown sugar

3 tbsp thick coconut cream

4 tbsp lime juice

1/2 tsp salt

For the spiced paste

50ml vegetable oil

3 red chillies, each halved with seeds removed (1 or 2 more can be added for a more fiery finish)

1cm piece of fresh ginger, sliced

1 large red onion, sliced

3 cloves of garlic, crushed

2 tbsp water

Method:

For the rice:

- 1. Pre-heat the oven to 170°C/325°F/ Gas 3.
- 2. Bring the coconut milk, water, salt and ginger to the boil.
- 3. Add the washed rice and return to the boil. Cover the pan with a lid and braise in the pre-heated oven for 15-20 minutes, before removing

1. Beat the eggs and sugar together until pale and ribbony, and doubled

heat and slowly add the eggs,

Add the durian, banana, and

coconut milk, and cook for 5

minutes, until the banana has

2. Blitz the mixture with a hand

softened.

in volume. Bring the milk and cream to the boil, then reduce to a low

stirring constantly, until the mixture

thickens to a custard consistency.

the rice from the oven. Should the rice be slightly undercooked, leave to stand with the lido n to continue the cooking process for a few minutes before serving.

For the spiced paste and prawns

- 4. Grind together all of the spice ingredients to a paste in a small blender, adding a touch of the oil a little at a time to keep the blades turning, if needed.
- 5. Heat the remaining oil in a wok or frying pan and stir fry the paste for 6-8 minutes over a medium heat until fragrant.
- 6. Add the light soft brown sugar, coconut cream, lime juice and salt, simmering gently for a minute or two before adding the prawns and pineapple.
- 7. Continue to simmer for a few minutes more and the prawns are beginning to firm to the touch.
- 8. The prawns are now ready to serve with the braised coconut rice.

NOTE: Freshly chopped coriander can be sprinkled over the prawns. The sauce, if too thick, can be loosened with a little more water or coconut cream.



Durian gelato

By Tim Anderson

Serves 12

700g ripe durian flesh (about 1/2 whole durian) 1 ripe banana, diced 300ml milk 200ml single cream

200ml coconut milk 130g sugar 3 egg yolk

and transfer to an ice cream maker and process according to the manufacturer's instructions. **Honey and Ginger Caramel Swirl**

blender until very smooth, then

pass through a fine sieve. Cool

Variation

50g sugar 50ml cream 15g butter 50g honey 50ml white grapefruit juice 40g ginger

1. Leaving the peel on, roughly chop the ginger into small chunks. Place in a saucepan with the honey and grapefruit juice and simmer for 30

- minutes; the mixture should reduce slightly.
- 2. Add the cream and butter and simmer for another 10 minutes. Meanwhile, place the sugar in a separate pan and cook over a medium heat until the mixture turns amber.
- 3. Ensuring that the honey mixture is boiling rapidly, pour the mixture into the caramel and stir. Reduce heat and allow the ginger to steep in the caramel as it cools. When the mixture is room temperature, strain out the ginger and transfer to the refrigerator.
- 4. When the sauce is well chilled, stir into the ice cream when it is soft set.

Vanilla Spice Variation

1 vanilla bean

1 tbsp ground cinnamon

1 tsp ground allspice

1 tsp ground nutmeg

1 tsp ground clove

1 tsp ground coriander juice and zest of 1/2 orange

1. Stir all ingredients into the ice cream base before churning.



Beef satay and peanut saunce with cucumber salad

By Gary Rhodes

Makes approx 8-12 sticks

500g beef (fillet or sirloin 'tails') cut into 1 ½ - 2 cm dice

- 4 tbsp soy sauce
- 2 tbsp kicap manis
- 1 tsp finely grated ginger
- ½ tsp sea salt
- 1 tsp sugar
- 1 tsp chopped fresh coriander
- 1/2 tsp turmeric, optional
- 1/2 tsp crushed coriander seeds, optional
- 1/2 tsp crushed cumin seeds, optional
- 12-16 bamboo skewers
- 1-2 tbsp vegetable oil

For the satay sauce

225g crunchy peanut butter 2 cloves of garlic, crushed ½ tsp dried chilli flakes, optional 12-15 coriander leaves, chopped 50ml soy sauce 150ml coconut milk Water to loosen

For the salad

1 small cucumber, peeled and quartered, lengthways and de-seeded

150ml sour cream

Juice 1 lime

1/2 tsp caster sugar

1-2 tsp chopped mint

Salt and freshly ground pepper

Method:

For the beef sticks:

- **1.** Mix all of the ingredients, except the beef, together in a bowl.
- **2.** Add the diced beef and leave to marinate for 1-2 hours.
- Meanwhile, soak the bamboo skewers in water for 1 hour before drying and rubbing each with a little of the oil.
- **4.** Thread 3-4 pieces of beef on each skewer.
- 5. The beef will now take just a

few minutes to cook, searing it quickly in a hot pan with the remaining oil.

For the sauce

- **6.** The satay sauce can be made while marinating the beef.
- Simply blend together the peanut butter, garlic, chilli flakes, if using, and coriander leaves in a blender or food processor.
- 8. Mix together the remaining ingredients, pouring the mix slowly into the peanut butter until completely blended in. If too thick, simply loosen with a little water. The sauce can be served cold or warmed.

For the salad

- **9.** Cut each of the cucumber quarters into 6cm pieces, dividing each into thin sticks.
- 10. Whisk all of the remaining ingredients together, adding enough to bind the cucumber sticks just before serving. Any remaining sauce can be offered apart.

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Jolly good eggs

John Williams MBE, executive chef at The Ritz Restaurant, extols the virtues and versatility of the humble egg



ere truer words ever spoken than "happiness is egg shaped"? Though Hitchcock proclaimed them as one of his greatest fears, to me there is nothing more comforting or inspiring. Whether soft-boiled, scrambled, poached or sunny side up; hen, quail, duck, goose, sturgeon or chocolate; in my mind, every egg is golden.

This month the greatly anticipated Fabergé Big Egg Hunt comes to London, an event that will see the humble egg hurtled into a new recordbreaking realm in the name of charity. The Ritz is thrilled to be involved, with two larger-than-life painted eggs taking pride of place along our Piccadilly arcade for all intrepid egg hunters to spot. In acknowledgement of this event, I am moved to pay homage to this positively poetic miniature gift of nature.

At The Ritz, over 700 of these versatile gems are cracked each day. Not only stars of our full English breakfasts and Afternoon Tea finger sandwiches, eggs are a chef's best friend: the perfect accompaniment for any ingredient, the perfect ingredient for any technique, and always ready and willing to be conjured into something spectacular. Throughout the hotel, we use eggs to leaven our cakes, add richness to our pastries, give texture to our custard, make crisp clouds of meringues, emulsify homemade sauces and even to whip



John Williams prepares service at the pass in The Ritz Restaurant kitchen

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up smooth and creamy cocktails in The Rivoli Bar.

One of my all-time favourite savoury dishes to cook with eggs has to be Egg Fabergé. I designed this dish in 1997 and had the privilege to create it for over 200 guests at a charity gala dinner in 2001. This dish is a truly hedonistic concoction – a truffle-decorated egg-shaped mousseline of langoustine with a soft quail egg in the centre, cooked in a duck egg shell and finished with langoustine tails.

When cooking with eggs at home, it is easy to relegate them to breakfasts and Sunday brunches, and I could not fault you for that! Fewer things in life give way to such pleasure as poached eggs on crisp toasted English muffins, drizzled with creamy hollandaise sauce. But if a creative streak and nagging sweet tooth cannot be satiated by the savoury nature of eggs in the morning, consider using fresh egg whites and fine caster sugar to create a sugary bright-white meringue for dessert, with a satisfying crunch and chewy centre that literally melts in the mouth. Simply add a molten lava-like stream of hot spiced winter fruit compote or, as we do here at The Ritz, soft cubes of caramelised apple trickling with calvados and butter.

Or visit The Resident's website to view my full recipe for a Ritz Victoria Sponge, which comes with a guarantee of teatime nostalgia with every bite. One of the most popular cakes on our Afternoon Tea trolley, it could crack even Hitchcock himself.

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Classic Benares dishes, from left: lemon couscous and orange butter and mint marinated bocconcini with seasonal tomatoes; Cod in banana leaf with coconut; prawns with kaffir lime

What is your first memory of cooking?

The wonderful smells in our kitchen always excited me and I was always eager to be involved and to learn about food. My earliest food memory is cooking breads with my mum. There is something very therapeutic about baking breads, and that time spent with my mother was always so enjoyable.

Who inspired you to cook?

In India food is all around you and cooking runs through families like an artery. The inspiration was from my parents. My father in particular had a great sense of seasonality and creativity – something I am careful to maintain in my kitchen today.

When did you realise that you wanted to cook professionally?

It was widely anticipated that I would toe-the-line

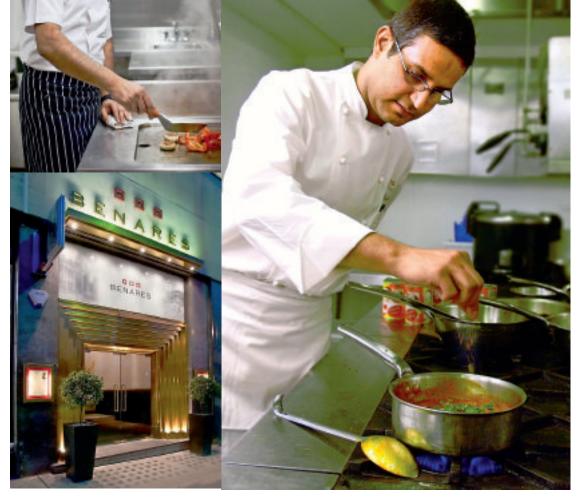
and attend medical school, but I had other plans. I was 18 when I made the decision to study hotel management and to properly pursue my passion for food and entertaining and I have never regretted it.

What are your favourite ingredients?

This is a tough one! I react to where I am in the world, and love to use local ingredients whenever I travel. I do love to cook with spices (that's no secret!) but perfumed flowers are also a favourite.

How do you describe your cooking style?

I love the cooking of my home country, and I will never deviate from that. However my style is to take traditional techniques and flavours from India, and present them in a modern way. It's so exciting to bring new techniques to Indian spices and it's always evolving – it keeps the menu at Benares fresh.



Atul Kocchar prepares his modern-style Indian dishes in the kitchen at Benares

What is your culinary guilty pleasure?

I absolutely love cheese! I love how convivial it is, and how it gets people talking at dinner parties.

Which other chefs do you admire?

Oh – so many! Alex Atala, Juan Mari Arzak, Sat Bains, the Roux family to name a few. At Benares this year we're running a 'Chef' series with some of my favourites – Anna Hansen, Richard Corrigan and Nigel Haworth – joining me to host special menus. It's going to be exhilarating having such great chefs cooking with me at the restaurant.

What's the best piece of advice you've ever been given?

My father always taught me to learn the basis of good Indian food before I go on to other cuisines; he was absolutely right.

What's been your most memorable meal?

Last year I was invited to demo in Brazil, which was an amazing honour. It's such an exciting part of the world food wise, and is definitely one to watch. By far the most amazing meal there was the tasting menu at Alex Atala's D.O.M in Sao Paolo. Remarkable.

What has been your biggest kitchen disaster? Many! I can't list just one, other disasters will feel bad!

Who would you most like to cook for?

I've been lucky enough to cook for some great people – Prince Charles was a highlight – and we get a lot of celebrities at Benares (I couldn't possibly divulge who!). Without doubt, it would be my father. He's no longer with us, but it would be an honour.

What's your favourite recipe at the moment?

Sun-dried chilli rubbed Hake with Nilgiri Korma. I know I'm on to a good recipe when I'm testing at Benares because when I turn my back it's all been eaten! This one doesn't last long in the kitchen.

What's your all-time signature dish?

Crisp-fried John Dory with pea mash. I won the Great British Menu with this one, and we still get requests for it in the restaurant. It sums up my style – Indian base with a modern, British stamp.

What do you think are the current food trends?

Korean cuisine is one to watch and there will also be much more focus on health through food. It is our responsibility to serve foods which replenish the body, and are full of goodness. Chefs need to up their game as consumers become more educated.

What are your plans for 2012?

We start the year at Benares with the 'Chef's Season', and that's going to keep me pretty busy. But then I am going to try to take it easy. It's hopefully the peak of the recession – don't fret, just swim along!

What would your last supper be?

There's nothing I would rather have than a traditional Punjabi meal. I'd have red kidney bean stew with rice and a selection of poppadums with chutneys, all eaten in my village sitting in the shade under a tree watching the world go by.

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The N

The Lonsdale won't be celebrating Valentine's with sugar-sweet concoctions this February. Instead, it's serving up two potent drinks named after girls who broke the bar manager's heart. The S Brach - 'dry like its namesake's wit' - is based on equal parts Aperol, Punt e Mes and Absolut Wild Tea with a splash of orange bitters, while the N Macnaughton, which sees raspberries muddled with 12 year-old Auchentoshen, creme de mure, cloudy apple juice, and gomme, is 'kind and soft, yet brutally frank'. Both make great toasts for the ones that got away. 48 Lonsdale Road, W11 2DE, 020 7727 4080



Babylon Restaurant with its skyline

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Babylon Restaurant at the Kensington Roof Gardens will be serving up its Valentine's menu against the backdrop of skyline views and live jazz. Four courses are priced at £75 per person (or £65pp for members), including entertainment and a glass of champagne on arrival. The package will be available on Saturday the 11th and Friday the 17th of February, as well as on Valentine's Day itself - book early for one of the cosy booths. 7th Floor, The Roof Gardens, 99 Kensington High Street, W8 5SA, 020 7368 3993



By Annica Wainwright

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Get it right and it's manna from the gods; get it wrong and it is inedible... our foodie connoisseur is a man who knows his Dim Sum

im Sum. Two words to delight even the most sullen of palates. One of the treasures of Cantonese cooking, it literally translates as 'so close to the heart.' Which makes perfect sense because when done well, they inspire true adoration.

In essence, Dim Sum is little more than a collection of small snacks, steamed, poached and fried, traditionally eaten in Cantonese teahouses for breakfast or lunch. But make no mistake – the art of Dim Sum is an exalted one. Keep the pastry too thick, stint on the filling or steam them too long, and they move from one-bite delights to barely-edible depression.

Luckily, London is blessed with a glut of Dim Sum temples. Places where the Shao long bao, or Shanghai soup dumpling, are constructed with all the precision of a super computer. The pastry must be able to hold that sweet gulp of scalding pork broth, but not be so thick that it detracts from the main event. At Royal China Club (royalchinagroup.biz) in Baker Street, Dim Sum reaches giddy heights of elegant perfection. Char siu bao, those great cumulus clouds of steamed bread, are filled with the stickiest, sweetest mass of slow cooked pork. Their baked incarnation, all flaky, burnished pastry and more of the same filling, are equally splendid.

That's not to say that the others cower in its shadow. The vast and mighty Phoenix Palace (phoenixpalace.co.uk), also mere moments from Baker Street, is a fine place for a Dim Sum feast. First-class siu mai, open-topped pork dumplings, along with pork and peanut versions with just the right amount of crunch.

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If tripe's your thing, there are small squares of the stuff, wobbling and vaguely threatening. Dragon Castle (dragoncastle.eu), another vast eaterie near Elephant and Castle, is also good on the tripe, chicken feet and various other texturally challenging dishes that we westerners tend to avoid. But once you get over the initial squeamishness, all that slippery chew becomes dangerously addictive.

Royal China, at the top of Queensway, is a Dim Sum institution, and at the weekends, prepare to queue. It's just had an expensive face-lift, but at time of writing, it's yet to reopen. Hopes are high. All the standards are served, and quality is ever consistent. Their har gau are particularly fine. As they are at Pearl Liang (pearlliang.co.uk) in the Paddington Basin. Difficult to find,

certainly, but well worth the hassle. Their soup dumplings are on a par with Royal China Club.

If it's theatre and serious bling you're after, then Hakkasan Mayfair (hakkasan.com) caters for the hedge fund crowd. Foie gras jostles for space with lobster in their signature dumplings, and

Wagyu beef is ubiquitous. Still, their head chef Tham Guan Yew is a very talented man. Avoid the more ostentatious creations, and you'll find some first-class Dim Sum.

For the true, all round high-end event, nothing beats China Tang in The Dorchester Hotel, one of London's great dining rooms. Service is as silken as their cheung fun pastry, and their soup dumplings are an easy match for Royal China Club and Pearl Liang. Taro cakes, all deep fried, frizzy charm, are the best I've ever eaten. And all manner of dumplings thrill and delight.

Although you can spend what you want on Dim Sum at the likes of Hakkasan Mayfair, it's not an expensive, or excessive treat. For me, it's one of the world's great foods, dipped in a smidgen of soy sauce and a dribble of chilli oil, and gobbled while still steaming, almost too hot to bear. People will tell you that Hong Kong is the best place in the world to eat Dim Sum. And a few years ago, they'd have been right. But now London has places that are the easy equal of any of their eastern cousins. So dig in and enjoy. This is one addiction you'll be delighted to indulge. }



Restaurant reviews

Tom Aikens Restaurant

43 Elystan Street, SW3 3NT, 020 7584 2003 tomaikens.co.uk Food: ***** Atmosphere: ****

n recent years, there have been fewer comebacks more eagerly awaited than that of Tom Aikens. In the early part of the last decade, he was a wunderkind whose name was regularly cited alongside Gordon Ramsay and Heston Blumenthal as someone whose cooking skills and business acumen were legendary. Constant appearances in the society columns hardly hurt. Then, come the recession, things changed and there were dark tales of suppliers being left out-of-pocket and business practices being less upright than they should be.

The much-anticipated reopening of Aikens' flagship restaurant is, then, the action of the man with a reputation to regain. To his credit, he clearly knows it's not enough to go back on the circa 2005 style of slick formality; these days, people want something less stuffy and more lively, and his new restaurant delivers in spades. First impressions are of wooden floors, friendly staff - on our visit. Maria and Cedric were the ones to thank - tumblers rather than crystal glasses and a lack of pretension. This

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may not be what Michelin is after, but it's closer to what the rest of us enjoy.

The menu is divided into a la carte and six-, eight- and ten-course tasting menu options. It's quite obvious that Aikens isn't ready to abandon the haute cuisine with which he made his name in the first place - if you want something more casual try his Tom's Kitchen outposts - but what he is serving up here is deeply impressive. Beginning with stunning breads and three different kinds of butter, the menu is a beguiling mix of big flavours and top-class ingredients.

There isn't a duff course on the eightcourse menu (a saner option than the

10-course, given that the various petit fours and amuse bouches drive it up a couple of plates). Nothing is heavy, which means that the beetroot salad with goat's cheese and Regent's Park honey counts for just as much as a larger course of piglet and caramelised squid. Even a more controversial element such as foie gras is so beautifully cooked that it becomes an essential part of an excellent series of dishes. The price - \$75 for eight courses - feels quite kind compared to places of comparable calibre. And, if you take the suggestions of the excellent sommelier, you will be treated to an eclectic selection of wines that are never quite what you expect, and all the better for being fresh and exciting.

Of course, it's impossible to say whether Aikens is going to be able to recapture his old magic, but, on this evidence, you would be a fool to bet against this being every bit as successful as it was in its former incarnation.

By Alexander Larman





Del'Aziz

24 – 32 Vanston Place, SW6 1AX 020 7386 0086 Food: *** Atmosphere: ***

London has plenty of excellent establishments offering Moroccan and Persian cuisine, but some exude a slightly masculine, clubby vibe – through a fug of shisha smoke – which can be offputting to the uninitiated. This is where the expanding group Del'Aziz comes in. With six locations across London, they offer a range of dishes from the Eastern Mediterranean in a more accessible context, complete with plenty of hearty westernised dishes for the more conservative.

A recent visit to the Fulham restaurant saw a slick operation firing on all cylinders. A sharing starter plate of mezze offered all the delights you'd expect – merguez sausages, kofte meatballs, hummus and tzatziki, amongst others – and was just the right size for an hors d'oeuvre. As my companion and I were both detoxing after a bibulous Christmas break, we eagerly took advantage of the non-alcoholic cocktails and juices; I went for a delicious virgin Mojito, while she enjoyed a Rise 'n' Shine juice made up of carrot, ginger, lemon and orange.

Mains were more mixed - a lamb shish kebab was excellent, cooked and presented on a skewer, but the aubergine and mozzarella bake seemed both inauthentic and too heavy on the cheese. We both looked longingly at the burgers being delivered to nearby tables, which looked very much the real deal. However, you'd be well advised to leave space for the desserts, which (in Fulham at least) consisted of a near-endless variety of cakes. We chose the pear and banana variety to share, and were glad we did; an enormous slice appeared which, along with some traditional Moroccan tea, nearly defeated us. All in all, a satisfying lunch and a lovely, vibrant place to go.

By Nancy Alsop

The Delaunay

55 Aldwych, WC2B 4BB 020 7499 8558 Food: ****

Atmosphere: *****

Chris Corbin and Jeremy King don't launch restaurants so much as just quietly introduce them. So The Delaunay, which swished open its doors at the end of 2011 on the corner of Aldwych and Drury Lane, arrived noiselessly – no Twitter frenzy, no PR fanfare, no launch party. It's testament to their prowess as restaurateurs that it already feels like a local fixture.

The Delaunay borrows many things from its head-turning older sister, The Wolseley, but initial allure is not one of them – the façade has the look of a high-end insurance office. Once inside, however, the family resemblance becomes plain, from the cut-glass accented welcome to the click-clack of expertly drilled staff across polished marble floors. The 'Grand Café' aesthetic has been toned down a bit here, resulting in a clubby atmosphere that is as suited to power lunching as afternoon tea and pre-theatre dining.

There's plenty of fun to be had with the menu. Wieners, expertly rendered schnitzels and Salzburg soufflé lend the line-up a Viennese character but it's the crowd-pleasers like steak tartare and eggs Benedict that will keep customers coming back. Shellfish is given top billing, and a generous prawn cocktail combining Atlantic and king prawns attests to its expert handling, while kedgeree, topped with a soft-boiled egg, has the kind of cockle-warming integrity that a winter's day demands.

Attention to detail is key; bread is served with impeccably sourced butter, tap water is constantly topped up, the wine list offers all but a handful of 'Reserve' bottles by the glass and carafe as well as bottle, while the layout ensures there's not a duff table in the house. The Delaunay is, simply, one of those rare places you'd happily eat every day.

By Annica Wainwright

Novikov

50a Berkeley Street, W1J 8HA 020 7399 4330 Food: **** Atmosphere: *****

Arkady Novikov has a string of highend titular restaurants throughout Russia, but this Mayfair outpost is his first London venue, opening its doors at the end of 2011. Despite a comparative lack of big launch publicity, it's completely packed out on our visit on a Wednesday evening. The obviously affluent crowd seem young and buzzy, and there's a great atmosphere here, a million miles from some of Mayfair's stuffier establishments.

It's divided into two distinct sections, one of which is a pan-Asian restaurant, and the other of which serves Italian food. We took the plunge on pan-Asian, and were very glad we did. The quality of what we had (beef fillet with black pepper; sea bass with spring onion; sashimi; the delectable green tea crème brulee) was impressively consistent. The only quibble that we had was that all the food gets brought out when it's ready rather than in starter-main order. This is fine if you order predominantly cold things, but if you get hot main courses, you're faced with the dilemma whether to have an oddly topsy-turvy meal or run the risk of your dishes getting cold.

The copious wine list offers a variety of European and New World wines at most price points, and an excellent New Zealand Gruner Veltliner was a smashing match for the black cod dim sum that we kicked the meal off with. Service is surprisingly on-the-ball and friendly for such a massive operation, and there are nice touches such as the open kitchen and a mini 'farmers' market' of sorts where you can see the impeccably fresh produce that goes into the meal. The likes of Hakkasan and Nobu should feel slightly concerned; if Novikov continues at this level indefinitely, it will establish itself in the top rank of London restaurants.

By Alexander Larman

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Designer Fleur Bird - one half of the duo behind Chelsea Green-based boutique Feather and Stitch - is now selling her own label, shown left, in the shop, which also stocks the likes of Vanessa Bruno and Ulla Johnson. The cruise collection speaks of timeless - and eminently wearable - elegance, with lots of quirky prints. From £130 to £350. See it in store at 8 Elystan Street, SW3 3NS, or online at fleurb.co.uk



From this month onward Oxfam, the nation's best-known charity shop, gets a serious fashion overhaul. No longer will bargain hunters have to wade through ancient cast-offs as all 500 stores will now adhere to detailed trend reports - including advice on key fabrics, prints and shapes. We're loving the spring/ summer lookbook, which is full of vintage gems such as this bang-ontrend Biba jumpsuit in nude hues,

pictured right. Find out more at oxfam.org.uk



Going for aold

Former creative director of Links of

London and founder of eponymous online jewellery shop Elizabeth Galton introduces must-have designs from Imogen Belfield. We're coveting the architectural stylings of this molten-like gold Tectonic ring (£350). elizabethgaltonstudio.com

Custom Converse

Those of a retro persuasion should make a date with Selfridges this Valentine's Day, where at the Offspring concession, they can get new Chuck Taylor All Stars Converse shoes 'stuff-inked' with personal messages and romantic graphics. Ideal for those allergic to the usual roses and chocolates formula. From £10-£25, selfridges.com





News in brief

Mulberry has appointed Bruno Guillon - formerly MD of Hermès France - as its chief executive, who takes his pew from 1 March; Stella McCartney launches a new Brompton Road store this spring, next door to Margaret Howell and Nicole Farhi; we've fallen for 7 Camicie's Italian shirts for our menfolk - check them out at the new Neal Street store; and we've heard tell of a new flagship Dover Street store for McQueen diffusion line McQ... stay tuned



Working girl

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Econic Chic

Eco fashion need no longer subscribe to the hessian sackcloth school of doubtful chic. Our columnist advises where to shop guilt-free in the capital



have an admission to make. Though I am passionate about almost every aspect of fashion, I've had problems getting excited about eco (or 'ethical') fashion. Eco-fashion warriors have worn Tibetan monstrosities and called them stylish – plain wrong. However, it is turning a corner and ethical does not have to mean *ethnique* anymore. You can be stylish and globally aware, and not look like you live on a commune.

The British Fashion Council founded Esthetica five years ago. September's Fashion Week saw Greg Barker, the Minister of State for Energy and Climate Change, speak at their event with Monsoon – support that shows it is being taken with the utmost seriousness. Esthetica is an ethical showcase for British fashion, and its endorsement has three underlying principles – adhering to fair-trade, using ethical practices, and the use of organic and recycled materials, but selection also importantly puts weight on excellence in design.

Tucked up in the north end of Portobello Road is From Somewhere, a pioneering ethical fashion label. They specialise in making clothes from 'preconsumer waste', which to those learning eco-lingo (stick with me kids) means using old swatches, fabrics from the end of rolls, production off-cuts - essentially fashion production surplus. And you know what? They are really rather chic and bang-on-trend. Some pieces remind me of the clashing, near patchwork effects seen at Michael Van Der Ham for spring/ summer 2012. From Somewhere has a clean aesthetic, and live up to their mantra of being a design solution to an environmental problem.

Some ethical fashion producers now have proper weight, Royal even. Last summer, I went to Clarence House for a reception in the garden hosted by the Prince of Wales for The Earth Awards (I hear a collective 'oooh', and, yes, like a good little Sloane Ranger I brought out my best Gucci loafers for HRH). A showcase for sustainability and ethical products, it has supported E1-based People Tree – Emma Watson unveiled her collection for the ethical fashion online retailer at the 2010 event. People Tree backs artisans and farmers in developing countries where the clothes are produced, and high profile immeasurably helps awareness. Royalty, rockstars and Hollywood are in on the act, time for us to get in too.

Livia Firth is a Hollywood darling, but very much British queen of eco-chic. The wife of Oscar-winning leading man Colin Firth has a website, Eco Age, focused to the caring consumer, and everything sold comes with its full story – where it's from, how it was

> made, and often who made it. I can do nothing but commend Livia on her increasingly fabulous Green Carpet fashion challenge, using her position to highlight

responsibility in fashion.

If you are looking for the height of society ethical chic, then try Beulah London,

who boast a showroom near Parsons Green. Started by Lady Natasha Rufus-Isaacs (the daughter of the Marquis of Reading) and Lavinia Brennan, they produce gorgeous bright silk 1970s inspired dresses and tops, signature being their floor-length gowns, and count the Duchess of Cambridge as amongst their growing contingent of famous fans. There are times when I have written eco fashion off as the product of middle class guilt, but knowing now what ethics in fashion truly means,

buying these beautiful clothes really does make a difference. }





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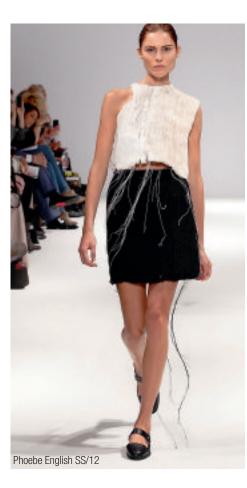
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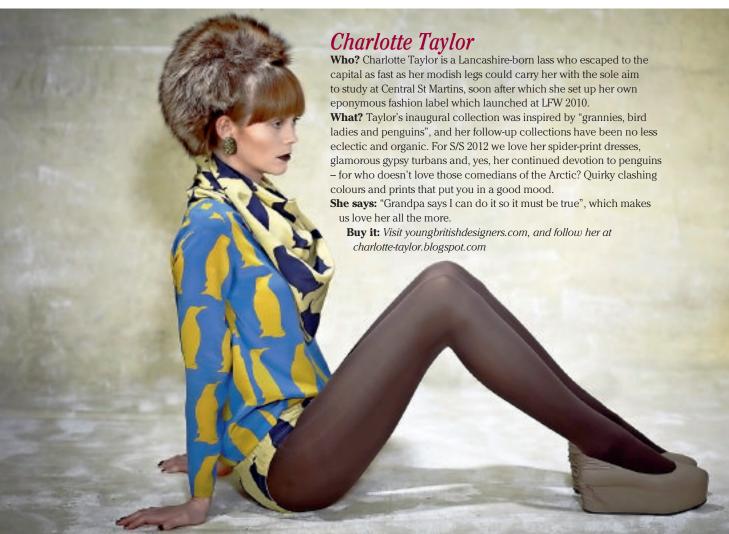


As the countdown to London Fashion Week at Somerset House begins in earnest, Nancy Alsop rounds up four of the fashion world's hottest rising stars

Phoebe English

Who? While at St Martins, Phoebe English scooped the L'Oreal Professional Creative Award, the Ungaro Bursary and the Chloe Award. Her first collection has been snapped up by the achingly cool Dover Street Market, and she won the Vauxhall Fashion Scout's Merit Award.
What? English's first collection was inspired in part by the monotony of the daily commute, which informed its block-like heaviness. We loved the distressed, frayed textures, the apparent simplicity of form and the sober use of whites, creams, blacks and dark blues.
She says: "[My collection] was inspired by a mixture of things, light, gravity and motion."
Buy it: At Dover Street Market, doverstreetmarket.com; phoebeenglish.com





Jean Pierre Braganza

Who? Another Central St Martins graduate, Canadian-born Jean Pierre Braganza did an apprenticeship with Robert Cary-Williams before Roland Mouret recognised his prodigious talent and snapped him up. He later went on to launch his own label, which is gaining ever-increasing recognition.

What? The king of the cut – or as he puts it, "constructed tailoring" – Braganza has been getting better every season, but 2012 looks like it will be the year he breaks through in earnest. We love his structured, almost architectural – Mies van der Rohe is an inspiration

- dresses, which straddle femininity and razor-sharpness. His AW/12 collection, he reveals, is inspired by a trip to Barbara Hepworth's St Ives sculpture garden; after all, to Braganza, "women are the sculptures of nature".

He says: "Fashion is about capturing an emotion in a glance. My challenge is to create the most esoteric dress for that exact moment." We confidently predict that this is Braganza's moment.

Buy it: Selfridges, selfridges.co.uk, jeanpierrebraganza.com

Michael Van der Ham

Who? A London-based Netherlands-born designer who cut his teeth doing internships under Alexander McQueen and Sophia Kokosalaki. Appetite sufficiently whetted, he enrolled at Central St Martins, and since graduating has been the talk of the fashion cognoscenti, garnering plaudits in the likes of US Vogue, no less. His last LFW appearance was met with universal acclaim, one journalist going so far as to say: "The prints that opened Michael Van der Ham's show were such a clever idea, you almost felt a light bulb pop up over your own head."

What? Van der Ham's ability to mix multiple patterns and cuts while keeping his collection cohesive is second-to-none. He is making waves for his breathtaking melange of fabrics both rich and modest, supple and stiff, and we love that he strikes the all-important balance between high fashion and wearability, elegance and daring.

He says: "I like to mismatch different references in each item of clothing." His

references in each item of clothing." His teaser prior to A/W12? It will contain "very rare and special fabrications, custom-made textiles and intricate cuts." We'd expect no less.

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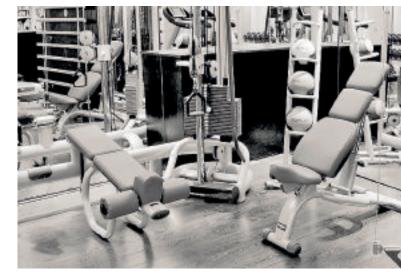
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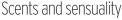


Beauty & STYLE

maintenance By Nancy Alsop



Valentine's – of all days – surely demands a slick of seriously hot red lippie, and we're converts to Daniel Sandler's luxury version in Micro-Red. Its high-level pigment makes it longer lasting than most, plus it has inbuilt lip pampering in the form of Shea butter, and hyaluronic acid which condition, while vitamins A, C and E – along with avocado and jojoba oil – moisturise. £13.25, danielsandler.com



It's that time of year again when those of a romantic persuasion lavish all manner of presents upon their amours, and for anyone considering dropping to one knee to profess their undying love, Lanvin has just the thing for a post-proposal present. Its new 'Marry Me!' fragrance (£33 - £61) is befittingly cheerful, floral and feminine, and comes in an Art Deco inspired bottle tied

up with a fuchsia satin bow. Meanwhile, for those not quite at the question-popping point, we would happily be the recipients of Vera Wang's Lovestruck eau de parfum (£35 – £62), which is both exotic, delicate and so very pretty.

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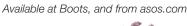
What is a romantic dinner without candles? We love the new 'White Flowers' collection from Kenneth Turner – who also sells flowers at Covent Garden Market – which is soft and feminine with notes of Freesia, Jasmine and Lilac, mixed with marigold. £55 for a three-wick candle. Available at Fortnum and Mason, Selfridges, or at kennethturner.com





Jewel brights

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Seeina red

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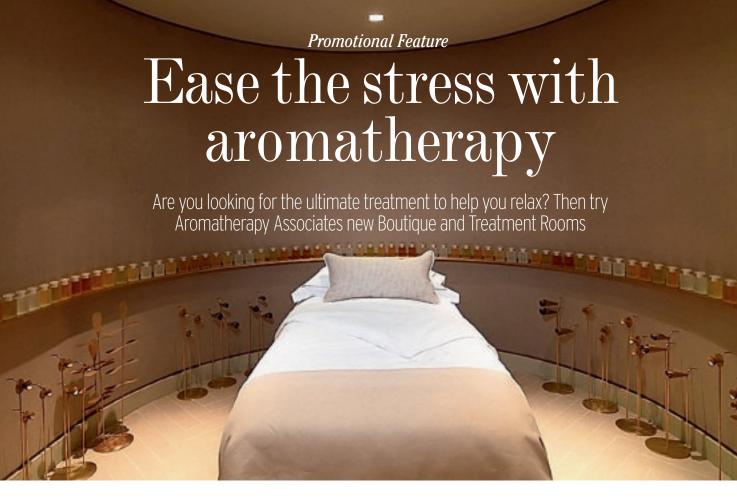
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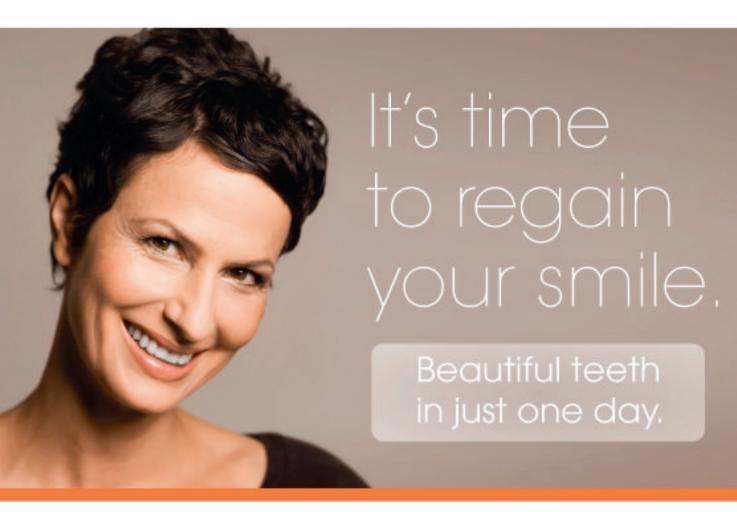
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is menopausal, she may find it difficult to discuss issues such as vaginal dryness - which is common and can be treated,"

 $says\ Dr\ McGonigal.$

Ms Claudine Domoney, TMCK's resident urogynaecologist, is keen to let women know what is available. "It is important

that women recognise that there is

out there for common problems such as incontinence or menopausal symptoms

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McGonigal.

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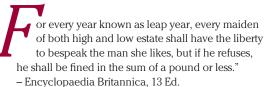
29 FEBRUARY

Leap of faith

Catherine McCabe charts the rise of the 'mengagement ring' as we look ahead to 29 February and the attendant licence it traditionally gives women to go down on one knee



Left and directly below: a selection of 'Mengagement' rings by Tateossian, ranging from £2,500 – £2,900



The more things change, the more they stay the same, but any man that refuses a proposal this coming Leap Day can expect to pay with a lot more than a pound. The elusive date, 29 February has returned like the prodigal son to turn social norms inside out. It's the only official time women are 'allowed' to propose, but with just one day to choose from out of 1,460, you have to jump in quick. Leap Day was created by St Patrick in the 5th-century (somewhere between inventing green milkshakes and banishing snakes) but we still haven't quite worked out the kinks. It's all well and good to get down on one knee, but what does a woman put in that little velvet box? A pair of never-to-be-used cufflinks or a dusty tie pin doesn't really spell 'forever'.

This gender-grey area has seen the rise of the 'mengagement' ring. A testosterone-fuelled transformation of the centre stone, they are essentially traditional wedding bands with a touch of flair.

Expressing equality

Jewellery is of course about wearing your identity, so what better way to show your commitment than a ring that says 'I'm taken.' Marc Jacobs and Michael Buble are both recent champions of the 'mengagement' ring, wearing their bulky bands with pride. Jewellery designer Stephen Einhorn, whose







Right: Stephen Webster's edgy men's engagement rings, from top: 'Tokyo Calling' spinning ring, £225; 'Alchemy in the UK' Union Jack band ring, £225; 'Rayman Rayskin' ring, £575; and 'No Regrets' band with black diamonds, £450





29 February is traditionally the day that women turn convention on its head and pop the question



Fusion white gold men's ring with scattered white diamonds, £3,525, by Georg Jensen



'It's Only Rock 'n Roll' ring, £1,415, by Hannah Martin



Men's platinum bands by Tiffany start at £525

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skull rings are a favourite with Noel Fielding, is a firm supporter of the trend: "Traditionally, engagement rings are all about adornment of a more basic ring – but why shouldn't men have that? My son covets my (engagement) ring and one day he'll inherit it. That's a really nice thing. Much better than just a boring, plain band." We may be a few steps away from men squealing over each others' wedding bling down the local, but dual engagement rings are a simple way of expressing equality.

Rather than the man simply putting his brand on his partner, they can share a symbol of commitment, and flash some impressive ice on their fingers while they're about it. "There is definitely more of an uptake of women buying men's engagement rings; we're just sort of at the beginnings of that. I think women will definitely continue propose," says Einhorn

A recent study by H Samuel found that 60 per cent of customers buying their engagement rings were female. And they have good reason to be confident, as 69 per cent of their male customers said they would be happy for their partners to propose. Indeed, any prospective female question poppers should note that the study also found that the majority of men said they would prefer a proposal over a romantic meal, adding weight to the old adage that the way to man's heart is through his stomach.

But as Einhorn says, if you're going to defy tradition, the ring has to have 'the butch factor': "I don't think there is a particular type of guy, but there's definitely a particular type of style, and that style is masculine, it's a subtle thing. The design has got to have an empathy with that." }

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f we all lived our lives by the rules of Thai proverbs, stress would be a thing of the past. They tell us, "life is short, so we must move very slowly." For some, a week away means traipsing to every gallery, cathedral and museum on offer; for others, it's a Pina Colada under a bamboo parasol.

In Thailand, where on time means an hour late, people believe that relaxation is key to good health, and who are we to argue? In the tranquil south, a tourist needs shoes like a fish needs a bicycle. Those who have been to Bangkok, where tuk tuks move faster than the concord and market sales are made in an eighth of a second, a 'placid Thailand' may seem an alien concept. But the island resorts on the country's south coast are worlds apart from the tourist jungle of the Khao San Road. The only real stress is choosing the right resort.

The Thai don't have a word for goodbye, only 'Sawadee', so even when your plane takes flight, you never truly leave. No matter what resort you choose, just remember to run on Thai time.

Aleenta Resort and Spa Phuket

Phuket is one of Thailand's most renowned islands, and for good reason. Following the 2004 tsunami, the area quickly got back on its feet and remains a thriving destination for high-end breaks. The secluded



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retreat of Aleenta Resort and Spa, set on silky white sands by the Andaman Sea, is one of the best venues the area has to offer.

The suites have retractable glass walls to let you connect with the landscape, and the Andaman views never grow old. Most accommodation has its own private pool, which comes in handy for honeymooners. But despite the modern décor, the



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Phuket is one of
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resorts: the
infinity pool
(above) and spa
bathtub (right)

resort is sensitive to the scenery that surrounds it, promoting 'eco-tourism'.

As a remote destination, Aleenta is calling out to those in need of 'me' time. It offers holistic activities, such as yoga and Thai chi, as well as a full detox programme focusing on spa cuisine and a detox diet for long-term effect. To get back to grass roots, take a trek to the Khao Lumpee-Haad Thaymuang National Park. This is home to a turtle sanctuary that essentially holds the future of marine turtles in Thailand. It's a rare opportunity to get close to an endangered species, and if you're lucky, stroke a tortoise shell.

Nakamanda Resort and Spa

The Nakamanda Resort on Klong Muang beach is honeymoon material, but without the elitist bill. The bucolic landscape and endless acres of isolated beach offers a Robinson Crusoe feel. Home to little other than rare seabirds and a breathtaking coastal landscape, Klong Muang is the perfect spot to lose yourself in a book, or find the inspiration to write your own.

The burgeoning village is eager to encourage visitors, and so the hostility towards 'farang' in Bangkok is replaced by smiling faces of the Klong Muang locals. Experience the 'mette', meaning the loving kindness of a thousand generations. If you crave Pad Thai, there is endless roadside dining, but local restaurants and bars are in their infancy, so this is the island for an insightful escape, not a stag do destination.

At Nakamanda Resort and Spa, visitors can delve into the lush jungle thickets and then retreat to the villa for some Jacuzzi mosquito relief. Although most southern resorts offer private villas, few provide the attentive personal service of Nakamanda. The island may be peaceful, but with endless opportunities for diving and cruising on the Andaman Sea, there is no excuse for boredom. If you're feeling foolhardy, there is no other way to explore the rugged caves near Krabi Island than skimming the clear waters in a Kayak. And to ease the tinge of rowers arm when out of the water, Nakamanda spa offers an expert deep tissue massage.



Anantara Bophut Koh Samui Resort and Spa

On the more eastern island of Kho Samui which attracts 1.5 million tourists a year, the Anantara Bophut resort offers a more rambunctious holiday for island hoppers and laid-back holiday-makers alike.

Anatara Bophut prides itself on 'barefoot' elegance, and once you find the extravagant infinity-edged pool, it's best to abandon the sandals altogether. For the ultimate regal experience, the two-bedroom beachfront pool villas offer sea views that would make Grace Kelly weep. Activities too are in abundance; a PADI diving course, Thai cookery classes, yoga, and even Thai boxing.

Kho Samui is a mere jet ski to Kho Phangan, the infamous home of the Full Moon Party. Despite many a horror-story, it's one of the few places in the world where you can paint yourself lime green, imbibe from a hat, skinny dip in the moonlight and still blend into the crowd. The Anatara Bophut healing body scrub is the best way to cleanse post-Full Moon Party (whenever that is: beware, many last year-round). }

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Incomparably situated on the Via Condotti, the Ferragamo family's Portrait Suites is a masterclass in pared-down style and sophistication, says Nancy Alsop

irst impressions: The Ferragamo-owned Portrait Suites – the only Roman outpost of the otherwise Florentine Lungarno Collection – is situated just off the Via Condotti which is Rome's answer to Bond Street, only chic-er (it is, after all, breathtakingly stoppered by the Spanish Steps and patrolled by unutterably glam ladies who wear large Prada sunglasses all year round). The discreet entrance to this townhouse has the effect of making guests feel as if they have been let into a little-known city secret, and is the ultimate antidote to the grand old dames of hotels on the Via Veneto or off Piazza del Popolo.

Getting there: Flying in to Fiumicino (avoid more spartan and less well connected Ciampino if you can), visitors can either hop on the reasonably priced train to Termini Station (€14), and then pick up a taxi to the Via Condotti, or ride the subway to the Spanish Steps. But why make life difficult? When you book through Abercrombie and Kent, a car to pick you up from the airport is included. The journey takes half an hour.

The welcome: Guests are swept up to the first floor to check in, where drinks are proferred and friendly chitchat is made. Given the high fashion credentials here (insofar as being owned by the best-known dynasty of shoe designers in a country famed for its collective national style), one might expect an attendant aloofness, but not a bit of it. A word of warning though: do wear good shoes upon arrival – framed Salvatore Ferragamo drawings are dotted all along the walls, alongside pictures of 1950s starlets wearing his creations, starkly highlighting if your own footwear is not up to much.

The rooms: Simplicity is king here; muted tones speak of elegance, while the luxury element comes via sublime quality bedding, Ferragamo bathroom products, a litte tray of chocolates upon arrival, iPod docks in every room and a fully equipped fold-away kitchen. The latter is probably put to best use by those staying in suites with balconies looking over Trinita dei Monti and The Spanish Steps.

The restaurant: There is no restaurant, so we make for Palazzo Manfredi (mrandmrssmith.com/ Palazzo-Manfredi), which overlooks the Colosseum, and take the lift up to the rooftop AROMA dining room. The restaurant must have one of the finest views of the ancient gladiatorial battleground in the city – and the food is equally fine to match. We ordered chef Giuseppe di Iorio's chocolate tasting menu (matched with beer) which was unusual and sublime.

Highlight: The views from the top terrace are some of the best in Rome – in the less clement months at night, there's a fire and blankets are laid out for guests' comforts, as well as an honesty bar. Plus staying here, you are centrally located for all the major sites.

Lowlight: It was a pity not to have a view from our room, given the proximity of Piazza di Spagna, so be sure to specify when you book.

Portrait Suites, Via Bocca di Leone, 23, 00187 Rome, lungarnocollection.com; Abercrombie & Kent offers three nights B&B in the Portrait Suites including economy flights and transfers from £895 per person based on two sharing. Abercrombie & Kent, 0845 618 2213. abercrombiekent.co.uk

Above: The view from the terrace towards the Spanish Steps

Below: The bedrooms allude to glamorous Ferragamo shoes – and their equally glamorous fans







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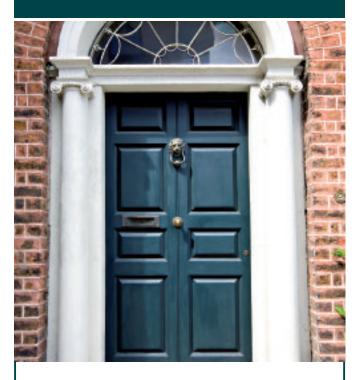
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Mass appeal

Matt Kimberley road tests the new Audi A4

ome things in life never change, and after more than 30 years it seems like the Audi A4 might be one of them. Thankfully things aren't always as they seem, and the game has moved on a bit.

Rather a lot actually, as the stats show. Since 2000, which accounts for the last four models including the new one, the A4 has gained power, torque and just a little weight, while shedding big numbers from its fuel consumption and CO2 output. It's even a little faster than it used to be.

Audi is a company driven by the desire to be the best at building luxury cars for the masses. It has defined what it believes a great luxury car should be, and that's a set of rules that it's sticking to. That's partly why the A4 has barely seemed to change down the years, while actually changing an awful lot where it matters.

Subtle updates to the styling have simplified and sharpened the front end, moving away from the blockishness that has been a mainstay of German design over the last five years or so. It's prettier than the old one, even if it's not especially daring or racy.

The more significant changes are under the skin, with a series of impressive redeveloped and new engines. Company car drivers and their fleet managers are under more pressure than ever to reduce costs, so Audi has delivered a solution with CO2 output figures as low as 112g/km, and 65mpg potential fuel economy. Six TDI turbo diesel options join two turbocharged petrols, with two of the diesels earning Audi's special TDIe designation reserved for its most frugal cars. They are 134bhp and 175bhp units respectively, but there's actually relatively little to choose between them on the road.

The most remarkable thing about these new

Facts at a glance

- Model: Audi A4 2.0 TDle 136
 SE, £26,555 on the road.
- Engine: 2.0-litre turbodiesel producing 134bhp and 236lb. ft.
- ◆ Transmission: 6-speed manual gearbox driving the front wheels.
- Performance: Top speed 133mph, 0-62mph in 9.3 seconds.
- ◆Fuel economy: 65.7mpg.
- ◆ CO2 rating: 112g/km.

diesels is how smooth they are, especially at low revs. Reducing cruising revs helps to boost fuel economy, and the new breed of common rail motors are happy to be driven down to just 1,000rpm, while still picking up smoothly.

While the 134bhp TDle, likely to be the best seller, is happy to trundle about just over tickover using its long gearing, it does need a good handful of revs to extract the performance on offer. Fortunately the engine has no problem with that. It feels almost like a petrol in a way - and that's high praise.

Audi A4s have not been blessed with the best ride quality in recent years, partially thanks to very stiff chassis and bodies. The new one isn't bad, but it does benefit from being fitted with the basic 17-inch wheels. The top-of-the-range model's lowered sports suspension and 19-inch rims, although they look mighty fine, might be an issue on broken British roads.

Interior quality is as high as ever. It feels like some materials have been lightened over the generations, but it's still extremely solid and stylish, and the doors shut with a deeply satisfying thunk. The exceptions are the various wood trim inserts that just don't look quite right, and oddly the cheaper silver-grey textured plastic ones look much better.

The A4 is a very fine car to drive. It has a long wheelbase which helps to make it feel stable at a cruise, and there is plenty of grip available from wide tyres on all models. It's not what you'd call inspiring or breathtaking, but it's not meant to be. It's designed to be a fuss-free luxury compact executive car that people will be happy to see on their drive. An Audi is a car that doesn't need any explanation. The A4 is a brand in itself and with better engines than ever, its appeal has redoubled. }





Strictly for adults

Looking for something? A part-time course could help you find your way, says Catherine McCabe

ith our New Year's resolutions flittering away like a rizla in the wind, all those 'big changes' seem a distant memory. The art canvas is still covered in plastic, while the fancy DSLR camera gathers dust. So many of us yearn to find a new skill, or to give our old interests some much-needed CPR. Amanda Hayes, Vice Principle of Kensington and Chelsea College says that, by exploring your interests, you could transform your career, as well as your routine: "Our jewellery and fashion courses are really popular, and we've had many alumni who have come in for a short evening class that has started them off on new path." We often feel guilty about taking time to ourselves, but as Haves explains, it's essential for maintaining one's self-worth, "for women in particular, you're seen as somebody's wife, somebody's mother or daughter, but at some point you have to say 'hang on, somewhere in here is me!'... you can try things out, you don't have to commit yourself forever."

But why do so many of us feel anxious about the idea of 'taking a class'? "People always worry about 'will I be put on the spot, will I be embarrassed?" and the answer is: definitely not," says Hayes.

If you have a niggling feeling that there is something missing, try exploring your secret passion, and you might just find the lost piece. Read on to find some of the best short-term courses west London has on offer.

Find your inner artist

Life drawing class is popular among art students, but it's also a great opportunity for those who have never touched an HB pencil. The practice of drawing the naked human form is not one for the prudes, but the quiet atmosphere the class demands can provide a much-needed escape from a hectic day. Penelope Furneaux, a London-based artist and life drawing teacher at Kensington and Chelsea College, says it is ideal for those who have "recently changed careers to something more artistic." However, as Furneaux explains, the benefits stretch far beyond improving one's sketching skills: "It's quite a discipline, so it can suit people who need to focus on something,

and be transported away from things." Sign up for some aesthetic 'me' time at:

How to Draw from Life
Course begins 18 April, running every
Thursday evening from 6:15pm to
8:15pm for six weeks. Cost: £115
Chelsea Centre, Hortensia Road, SW10

Contact: Kensington and Chelsea College 020 7573 5333; kcc.ac.uk

Create one-of-a-kind jewellery

Are you the sort of person who passes on a purchase because you "could make that yourself for nothing?" Kensington and Chelsea College offers beginners' jewellery making courses. The lectures cover all the bases; piercing, soldering, filing and polishing. By the end of it, you'll have a BTECH level 1 and a solution to birthday presents for years to come. If the silversmithery takes your fancy, you could strive to become the next Theo Fennell and take the advanced course. Or, just enjoy the feeling of creating an amazing necklace no one else will ever own, at a fraction of the store-bought price. Jewellery for Beginners BTECH Level 1

'How to Draw from Life' taught by Penelope Furneaux creates a stressfree space to help students find their artistic form



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Take this waltz

Watching *Strictly* makes most of us seethe with envy, but what if you could take the floor with confidence? The Kensington Dance Studio offers a class in Viennese Waltz. One of the many instructors is Ralf Schiller, director of the studio, who once choreographed the Argentine Tango for *Strictly Come Dancing*. Schiller has over 20 years of experience in ballroom dance, but he says this course is "geared towards everybody, it's a nicer way of exercising, and it's a social thing, too." The class will have a beginner, intermediate and advance level. *Viennese Waltz*

Two-week course begins 14 April, 7pm – 8:30pm Cost: £28 for non-members Kensington Dance Studio Contact: First Floor at The Polish Hearth Club, 55

Contact: First Floor at The Polish Hearth Club, 55 Exhibition Road, South Kensington, SW7 2PN 020 7823 9949; kensingtondancestudio.com

Grab a novel opportunity

They say everyone has a book in them, but most of us need a sledgehammer to tease it out. To quash literary procrastination, comedian and celebrated author Marc Blake takes a boot camp approach to his creative writing course: "Musicians practice for three hours a day, and so should writers. A lot of writing courses get very precious, everyone wants to spout

their ideas, but that's not what this is about," he says. Blake's novel-in-a-month course offers a motivational space where the students commit to writing 1,776 words every day for a month; and leave with a first draft. "We get writers, comedians, housewives, people on their inheritance, elderly ladies young guys. Three students so far have been published on the back of it, and one won a French literary prize!" says Blake. Write a Novel in a Month

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Craft your own couture

Breaking into fashion is a daunting prospect. But if you choke back the tears every time there's a clothes montage in The Devil Wears Prada, why not take your hobby to the next level? A garment-making course could help you develop your sewing skills, adapt patterns and create bespoke fitted clothing. It could be the start of a new wardrobe, or indeed a new career.

If you love experimenting with new styles, but struggle to create them yourself, this could be the perfect way to hone your skills.

Garment Making

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How did you come up with the idea of working with simulated diamonds? E&D: We've always loved jewellery but equally loved the idea of mixing our traditional diamonds with fun, more affordable pieces. Buying diamonds regularly is a dream for most women so we thought what could be more exciting than creating fine jewellery to make this possible!

What would you say is your signature design? E &D: Classic Brilliant studs – simple elegance.

Which well-known people would you most like to see wearing your jewellery?

E: Gwenyth Paltrow; D: Stella McCartney.

What's your favourite thing about your job? E&D: Making people happy – fine jewellery is a joy!

What is your proudest moment professionally?

E&D: The MD of a very famous fine jewellery house telling us that our designs are world class.

What is the best advice you've ever been given?

E: The sun will still come up in the morning... D: Always be yourself.

What's your favourite shop?

E: Harrods; D: Kate Spade, Chloe and Zara and old faithful Peter Jones - sorry I need more than one!

What's your favourite local restaurant?

E&D: The Wolseley – always a treat as it feels a little like magic dust is sprinkled when you walk through the door. We're looking forward to the sister one in Sloane Square opening soon.

Where have you had your most memorable local **meal?** E: Bluebird with a group of family and friends. D: Sunday lunch at The Orange, Pimlico.

Sisters Emma Canning and Dervla Cogan, Brilliant Inc

Who would you invite to your dream dinner party?

E&D: Liz Taylor and Richard Burton, the Camerons, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, the Beckhams, Beyonce and Jay Z, Gwenyth Paltrow and Chris Martin - it would be a fabulous mix!

You're unprepared for a dinner party - what shop can you always rely on?

E: Ottolenghi and Wholefoods. D: Daylesford Organic and Manicomio.

Whose sense of style do you most admire? E: Emmanuelle Alt; D: Phoebe Philo.

Where or how would you spend a 'lost day' in your area?

E: A long walk through Kensington Gardens and Hyde Park followed by champagne cream tea in the Orangerie, and pottering around Church Street. D: I'd go for a long run in Battersea Park, then stroll the full length of the King's Road and explore.

What's your favourite London view? E&D: Albert Bridge.

Where do you go to be a culture vulture?

E: I love the Royal Academy as you can just pop in while going about your daily business. D: The Saatchi Gallery.

Do you have a favourite local character?

D&E: Brian – our florist at the entrance to Duke of York Square - he sells the best lilies in London!

Where would you live if money were no object?

E: Kensington Palace Gardens. D: Cheyne Walk.

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Top left: jeweller sisters Emma and Dervla From top: Albert Bridge; Albert Memorial in Kensington Gardens; The Orange in Pimlico; Brilliant Inc's signature 'Classic Brilliant studs'





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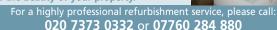


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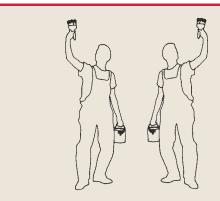
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Supply and demand

Three properties from Strutt & Parker, plus local views on how 2012 is shaping up



The Boltons, SW10 £2,200,000

What: For the first time in over 30 years, this wonderful and unique property is now on the open market.

Wow factor: Benefits from breathtaking views over the private gardens below.

Extras: Entrance hall, double reception room, kitchen, master bedroom with en-suite shower room, bathroom, and cloakroom.

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Montpelier Walk, SW7 Price on application

What: A family house that has been refurbished throughout to provide excellent accommodation.

Wow factor: The wonderful terrace to the rear.

Extras: Two receptions rooms, kitchen, study, cloakroom, three bedrooms, two bathrooms, and garden.

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Drayton Gardens, SW10 £3.100.000

What: A beautifully refurbished four bedroom family flat.

Wow factor: The flat has been cleverly arranged with excellent storage allocated to all bedrooms.

Extras: Entrance hall, drawing room, kitchen, master bedroom with en-suite bathroom and dressing room, shower room, and two balconies.

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Plaza's promising outlook

Plaza Estates experienced tremendous activity from affluent overseas buyers in the last quarter of 2011 - and they look forward optimistically to 2012. Economists predict the European debt crisis to roll on, but the problems in Europe actually increased demand for prime property as London was felt to be a safe haven and they anticipate that this will continue in 2012. Emerging economies should also bring cash rich investors who now find themselves able to put their money into solid hard assets, and the weak pound also makes London more affordable for the international investor. Plaza Estates Knightsbridge, 020 7581 7646

Market Comment Howard Elston, Aylesford International

As we approach the end of January predictions for the coming spring and summer are a little rash, but we have to have some idea of what is happening. We have been out to see a number of good houses as possible instructions, but from experience many of these potential vendors will decide against selling. Therefore we shall be back to the old supply problem more than adequately illustrated by a European buyer

appearing in London this week with 15 to 20 million pounds to spend and precious little for us to show him! So many of these properties are now tied up in long term ownership that the supply problem seems set to continue. There is no doubt that this is filtering down to all levels in the market, but it is difficult to read accurately. My feeling is that those areas with an international appeal will continue to benefit from this - but areas that rely on UK based buyers may struggle to keep up!

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Holland Road Holland Park W14

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1,430 sq ft (132.84 sq m)

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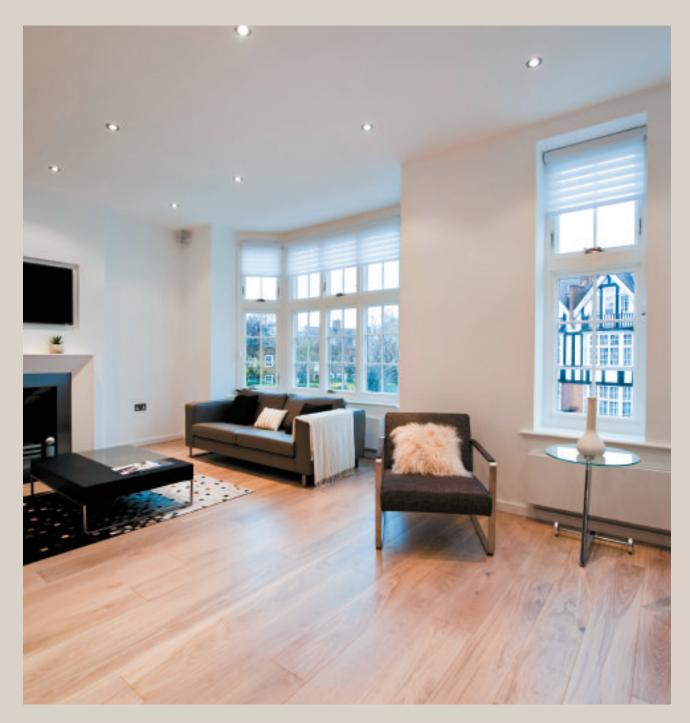
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still can't quite believe that a whole year has gone by since our office's grand opening in 2011. I remember collecting the keys and cutting the ribbon across the front door when we opened for business and welcomed our first customer through the threshold. So much goes on in a year...

For a short while I thought that some might be sceptical of another agent opening for business and yet we were royally welcomed into the Royal Borough, with the seal of success from all the sales and lets that we've achieved. Selling, letting and managing numerous houses and flats in the locality and achieving record prices dominated our activities.

We championed certain sectors of the market -selling 45% of SW10 houses between \$4-6M. We rented a diverse range of flats and houses from \$350 per week to \$5,000 per week with 37% of our landlords appointing us to also manage their property. The 'off market deal' has gone from strength to strength, whereby the discerning client approaches us to silently market their property for sale or rental. This reinforces the need to register with an agent so that when they see that perfect 'off market property' they keep you in mind.

The vibrancy of the area never ceases to amaze me with 73% British and European purchasers and tenants choosing to live here. Many from overseas are already

UK based, and West Chelsea and South Kensington have become their preferred areas. We have noticed an increase in the French contingency over the last couple of years, which supports the interesting assertion that London is France's 5th largest city. Some say that there are more French voting citizens in London than in Strasbourg! Vive Londres! Vive les cafes bars and restaurants along the 'Beach' and the various boutiques placed neatly along the Fulham Road. Let's hope that the Euro settles down and doesn't interfere with this very welcome invasion.

So what about the year ahead? 2012 is an exciting time for Britain as national events gain momentum and draws a spotlight onto our great city. Our lettings team has set up a short let department as temporary accommodation takes centre stage. We will continue to source properties, sometimes out of nowhere! And we will continue to place emphasis not only results, but also the quality of the services that we offer. In this very privileged location tucked along the Fulham Road, West Chelsea is very special and never ceases to close down or reduce in activity. We just can't seem to take on enough properties to match demand. And that will be our continued challenge during 2012. I'll settle for that! }

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Eaton Square, SW1 Price on application

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Elm Park Road, SW3 £2,500,000 share of freehold

What: A beautifully refurbished three bedroom apartment with a sensational 44ft south-facing garden.

Wow factor: The property has great views to the front and rear.

Extras: Drawing room, dining room, three bedrooms (one en-suite), further bathroom, kitchen/breakfast room, guest cloakroom, and garden. Cluttons, 020 7584 1771



Ebury Street, SW1W £1,450,000

What: A simply stunning long lease Belgravia apartment.

Wow factor: The unique property boasts a fantastic open plan reception/kitchen that is flooded with natural light.

Extras: Two large double bedrooms, two bathrooms, wonderful wood flooring, and plenty of built-in storage.

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Chapter House, SW1

Price on application

What: A sensational development in the heart of Westminster.

Wow factor: Each of these three houses have been meticulously refurbished to include such luxuries as the start of the art Opus Home Control System.

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A superb ground floor maisonette with a secluded terrace, situated in a handsome white stucco period building. West Eaton Place is ideally located close to Eaton Square & Sloane Square. The accommodation comprises a wonderful double aspect reception room with high ceilings, entrance hall, drawing / dining room, guest cloakroom, kitchen, utility room, master bedroom with dressing room & en-suite shower room, guest bedroom with en-suite bathroom & terrace.

£3,950,000

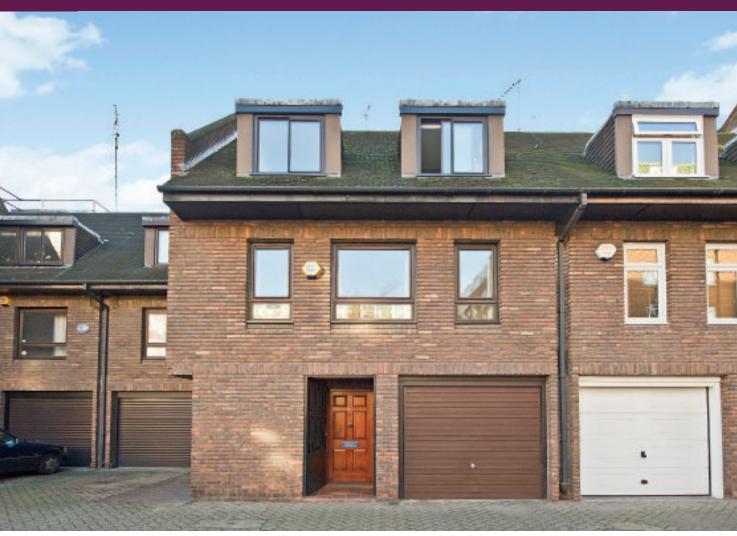
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Phillimore Court W8

£1,900 per week

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Parsons Gate Mews SW6

£1,400 per week

An outstanding house located in this gated development in central Parsons Green. Arranged over 3 floors, the property comprises 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, living room, kitchen, garden & terrace. There is also the added benefit of a secure garage. Finished to an extremely high specification throughout.

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Eaton Square SW1

£1,650 per week

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£550 per week

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Double reception room ◆ dining room ◆ family room

- ♦ kitchen ♦ master bedroom en suite with dressing area
- ◆ 3 further bedrooms ◆ bathroom ◆ laundry ◆ terrace
- ◆ garden ◆ 191 sq m (2,064 sq ft)



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A SUBSTANTIAL GRADE II LISTED PERIOD BULDING ST JAMES'S PARK, SW1

Subject to receipt of all statutory consents, potential to create: 4/5 reception rooms ◆ kitchen/breakfast room

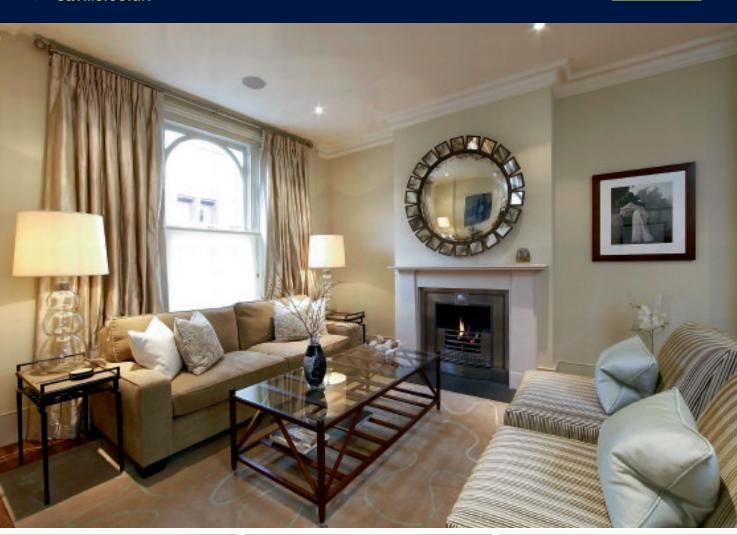
- ◆ 5/7 bedrooms and bathrooms ◆ lift ◆ garden
- ◆ roof terrace ◆ 673 sq m (7,240 sq ft)



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AN IMMACULATE EXTENDED FAMILY HOME ON THE PETERBOROUGH ESTATE RYECROFT STREET, SW6

Double reception room lacktriangle dining room lacktriangle kitchen/family room lacktriangle 4 bedrooms

- ◆ study/bedroom 5 ◆ 3 bathrooms ◆ shower room ◆ guest cloakroom ◆ utility room
- ◆ south-facing garden ◆ 235 sq m (2,530 sq ft)



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ELEGANT GRADE II LISTED TOWNHOUSE IN THE HEART OF KNIGHTSBRIDGE TREVOR STREET, SW7

Entrance hall ◆ dining room ◆ first floor drawing room ◆ family/cinema room ◆ kitchen/breakfast area ◆ master bedroom with en suite bathroom ◆ 2 further bedrooms (1 with en suite bathroom) ◆ shower room ◆ cloakroom ◆ utility area ◆ patio garden ◆ 217 sq m (2,339 sq ft)



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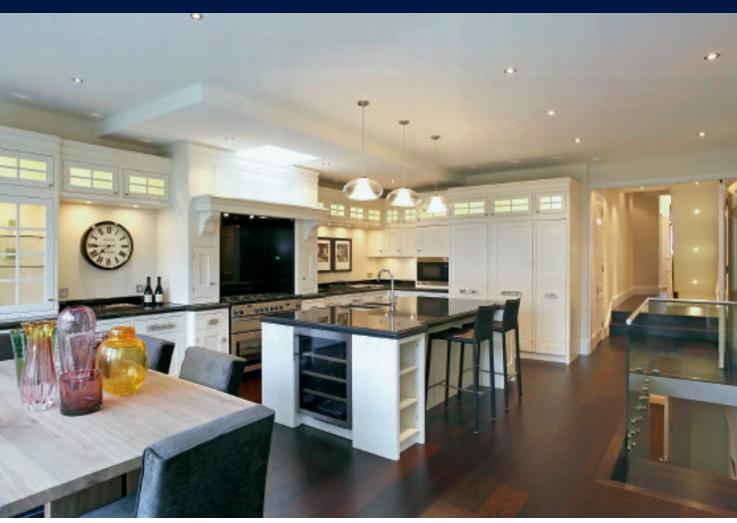


BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED HOUSE ON THE CHELSEA BORDER RUMBOLD ROAD, SW6

Double reception room ◆ kitchen/dining room ◆ master bedroom suite ◆ 4 further bedrooms ◆ 2 further bathrooms ◆ landscaped garden ◆ roof terrace ◆ garage (held on separate lease) ◆ 190 sq m (2,045 sq ft)



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A SEMI-DETACHED VICTORIAN HOUSE OF UNPARALLELED QUALITY DONERAILE STREET, SW6

Double reception room ◆ family room ◆ cinema ◆ home office ◆ kitchen/dining room ◆ 5 bedrooms ◆ 5 bathrooms ◆ guest cloakroom ◆ garden ◆ 329 sq m (3,541 sq ft)



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A BEAUTIFUL LATERAL FLAT CLOSE TO HYDE PARK QUEEN'S GATE, SW7

Entrance hall ◆ reception room ◆ dining room ◆ study/library ◆ kitchen ◆ master bedroom with en suite bathroom ◆ bedroom 2 ◆ separate bathroom ◆ guest cloakroom ◆ lift ◆ balcony ◆ 198 sq m (2,128 sq ft)



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SUPERB FAMILY APARTMENT OVERLOOKING COMMUNAL GARDENS BRAMHAM GARDENS, SW5

Drawing room ◆ sitting room ◆ dining room ◆ kitchen/
breakfast room ◆ master bedroom suite with dressing room
and study ◆ 4 further bedrooms (3 en suite) ◆ bedroom 6/
playroom ◆ bathroom ◆ cloakroom ◆ balcony ◆ caretaker
◆ communal gardens access ◆ 387 sq m (4,170 sq ft)



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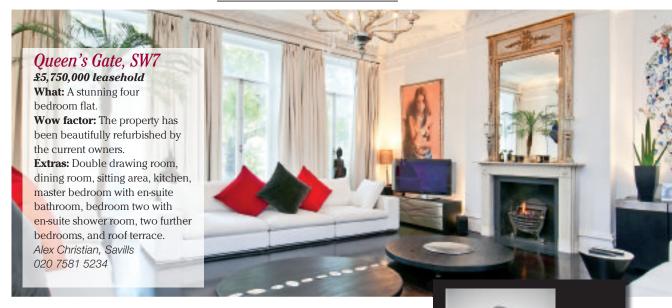
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Harley Gardens, SW10

£7,000,000 freehold

What: An elegant wide house built circa 1850 in this quiet street which forms part of The Boltons' Conservation Area.

Wow factor: The property retains original features and room layout, offering very flexible accommodation. **Extras:** Entrance hall, drawing room, dining room, family room/sixth bedroom, kitchen/breakfast room, five/six bedrooms, two bathrooms, shower/utility room, two cloakrooms, garage, and off street parking. *Barbara Allen, Savills 020 7581 5234*

Norland Square, W11

Offers in excess of £6,250,000 freehold

What: A Grade II listed house. **Wow factor:** The property has its own superb 74' private garden.

Extras: First floor drawing room, kitchen/breakfast room, master bedroom with en suite bathroom, and three further bedrooms. Savills 020 7535 3300 & John Wilcox & Co 020 7602 2352



Old Queen Street, SW1 \$5,750,000 leasehold

What: A substantial Grade II listed building arranged over lower ground and seven upper floors.

Wow factor: Development potential, subject to the necessary consents to create: five reception rooms, kitchen/breakfast room, master bedroom suite, five further en-suite bedrooms, staff accommodation, kitchenette, utility room, WC, plant room, bin store, lift, garden, and terrace.

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Market Comment

Jonathan Hewlett, Head of Savills London

Despite uncertainty in the domestic and global economies, the prime markets of central London have performed strongly in 2011, resulting in a record breaking year for Savills London. With continuing strong demand from international buyers, accounting for 55% of sales, prices rose by 14.1%.

Against this context prices rose by a modest 1.1% over the quarter, reflecting a year of two halves in which the annual price growth was driven by strong price growth in the first half of the year. In part this reflects the seasonal nature of the market, though the downgrading of global economic forecasts and the falls in global stock markets will also have tempered recent growth.

In the ultra prime market, where values typically exceed £15m and overseas demand is strongest, annual growth ended the year just short of 19% and record sales, with an aggregate value in excess of £1.9 billion, were achieved in the year. However, even in this market, growth was relatively modest in the second half of 2011 at just 3.7%.





Bailey House, King's Road, Chelsea SW10

Leasehold approximately 988 years remaining
\$2,950,000

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Chelsea views Knight Frank's February guide to SW10



Redcliffe Square, SW10 £1,495,000 freehold

What: A beautiful and fascinating corner house.

Wow factor: This individual property has the benefit of an idyllic garden. Extras: This highly unusual property is arranged around a private central courtyard featuring a wonderful cherry blossom tree. The accommodation is arranged over two floors with a galley kitchen leading onto a reception area, both with good proportions. The master bedroom has its own en suite

bathroom and there are two further en

suite double bedrooms. Knight Frank, 020 7349 4300



Cresswell Place, SW10

£1,700pw unfurnished

What: A stunning three bedroom house renovated to the very highest of standards.

Wow factor: Natural light floods into every room thanks to wonderfully large windows, a glass rear extension and extensive use of contemporary materials throughout.

Extras: The ground floor living/dining area is over 33 feet in length and offers a sleek bespoke kitchen and opens onto a large reception space going straight onto a good sized decked garden via bifold doors. Knight Frank, 020 7349 4300



Hollywood Road, SW10

£2,750pw furnished/unfurnished

What: Four bedroom family house. Wow factor: The impressive proportions offer a variety of living arrangements and every room is filled

with natural daylight.

Extras: There are many original and bespoke features culminating in a modern, incredibly stylish family home. Knight Frank, 020 7349 4300



Drayton Gardens, SW10

£2,295,000 leasehold

What: An immaculately presented two bedroom flat.

Wow factor: This flat is well laid out with a spacious reception and dining area and separate kitchen.

Extras: The master bedroom is an extremely generous size with a walk in wardrobe and large en suite hathroom

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Lettings Comment

David Mumby, Partner, Knight Frank Chelsea Lettings

Chelsea has seen demand in the form of new tenant registrations rise by 20% over the past year, whereas new rental instructions are only higher by 6%. The relative position of demand and supply is best illustrated by the ratio of new applicants to new rental instructions, which has risen from 2.94 in the three months to December 2010, to 3.44 in the same period in 2011. We are expecting to see rental growth in 2012 of around 4% or 5% representing a shift to a more sustainable trajectory for the market after two years of sharp rental increases. Tenants are looking for flexibility, options to purchase and break clauses being common requests at the present

Sales Comment

John Waters, Associate Partner, Knight Frank Chelsea Sales

The market in Chelsea was very active across the board in the run up to Christmas with lots of people looking to secure a property before the break. Some incredible prices have been achieved, the most notable of these surely being on Carlyle Square where we sold an unmodernised house for well in excess of £3,000 per square foot. The New Year has begun with great levels of activity with new buyers keen to move or invest as soon as possible. Investors around the world view London property as a safe haven in turbulent times and we see no signs of this changing in the near future. The greatest challenge is the continued lack of quality stock. Whilst we as a company continue to show that we are one of Chelsea's top selling agents, the stock that we get is still not enough.



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- Wine room
- Plant room
- Cloakroom
- Roof garden
- Terrace
- Garage
- Approximately 425 sq m
 (4,579 sq ft)
- Freehold
- Price on application



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Christchurch Street, Chelsea SW3

Freehold four bedroom Chelsea house

A well-presented four bedroom house situated in one of Chelsea's most sought after locations. The property also benefits from a rear patio garden and an abundance of natural light throughout. 4 bedrooms, 2 reception rooms, 2 bathrooms, patio garden. Approximately 143.8 sq m (1,548 sq ft)

Freehold

Guide price: £2,500,000

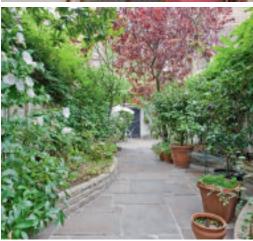
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Eaton Terrace, Belgravia SW1

Elegant six bedroom Belgravia house

A freehold townhouse, which benefits from a 50ft garden, in this popular residential street located moments from Sloane Square. Master bedroom with en suite bathroom, 5 further bedrooms, 2 further bath/shower rooms (1 en suite), drawing room, dining room, kitchen, family room, study, garden. Approximately 251 sq m (2,710 sq ft)

Freehold

Guide price: £5,400,000

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Alexandra Court, Queen's Gate SW7

Spacious apartment with views onto private garden

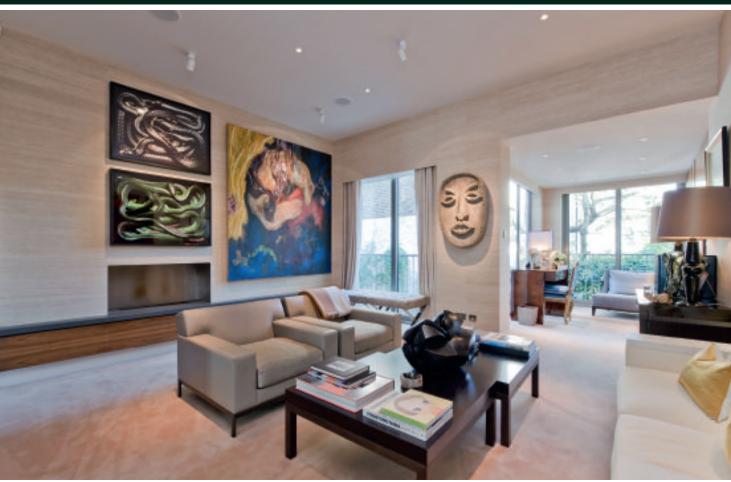
A spacious apartment located on the garden level of a portered mansion block. Presented in excellent order, the flat is well proportioned throughout. Master bedroom with en suite bathroom and dressing room, 2 further bedrooms, bathroom, reception room, dining room, sitting area, kitchen. Approximately 135 sq m (1,452 sq ft)

Share of freehold

Guide price: £1,795,000

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Abingdon Road, Kensington W8

Immaculate house with parking, garden and roof terrace

An excellent house with off-street parking, outside areas and fantastic entertaining and family space. 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, drawing room, dining room, family room, kitchen/breakfast room, study, 2 cloakrooms, roof terrace, patio garden, off-street parking. Approximately 215 sq m (2,322 sq ft)

Freehold

Guide price: £4,500,000



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Leasehold

Guide price: £1,750,000

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Cadogan Square, Knightsbridge SW1

The perfect first floor flat

A beautiful interior designed first floor flat overlooking one of London's most famous garden squares. The apartment is finished to an exacting standard, combining a traditional and modern interior. Master bedroom, further bedroom, bathroom, reception room, kitchen, lift, resident caretaker, communal garden access. Approximately 81 sq m (878 sq ft)

Leasehold: 53 years approximately

Guide price: £2,500,000

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Drayton Gardens, Chelsea SW10

Three double bedroom flat

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Leasehold: 987 years 1 month approximately

Guide price: £2,650,000

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OLD CHURCH STREET, SW3

A magnificent family house of approx. 3,948 sq ft. situated on the corner of Mulberry Walk, having two beautiful reception rooms with double open aspects to the south and east. Requiring modernisation and well arranged on the ground and two upper floors only.

6 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms (1 en suite), 1^{st} floor drawing room, study, dining room, breakfast room, cloakroom, utility room, store rooms, garden area (27'10" \times 12'4") or off-street parking.

Freehold Guide Price £6,850,000









PELHAM PLACE, SW7

A beautifully refurbished and fully modernised Grade II Listed house forming part of a fine stucco terrace, with a very pretty south west facing garden and exceptionally attractive reception rooms.

3/4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms (2 en suite), dressing room, $I^{\rm st}$ floor drawing room with double aspect, study, dining room, family room/bedroom 4, kitchen with breakfast room, 2 cloakrooms, front and rear gardens, part ownership of Pelham Crescent Garden.

Freehold Guide Price £9,000,000





CAMBRIDGE STREET, SWI

A classic part-stucco fronted house with a well arranged 43' family room. 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms (1 en suite), shower room, 1st floor drawing room, reception, study, kitchen/dining room/family room, utility room, cloakroom, roof terrace, patio, balcony, under-pavement storage vault.

Freehold Guide Price £2,795,000



WARWICK SQUARE, SWI

An extremely elegant and sympathetically modernised raised ground floor flat overlooking a beautifully landscaped garden square.

2 bedrooms, 2 shower rooms (1 en suite), drawing room, dining room/study.

Freehold Share Guide Price £1,495,000



ECCLESTON SQUARE, SWI

A beautifully presented $\, I^{\, \rm st} \,$ floor flat overlooking the private communal gardens of Eccleston Square.

2 bedrooms, en suite bathroom, shower room, drawing room, dining area, roof terrace, balcony.

Lease to 2119 Guide Price £1,395,000



CHURTON STREET, SWI

A most impressive and well laid out upper floors maisonette with a private street entrance.

4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms (I en suite), drawing room, kitchen/breakfast room, cloakroom/utility, roof terrace.

Freehold Share Guide Price £1,349,500









CLIFTON PLACE, SWI0

Forming part of a desirable modern development, this substantial and beautifully presented townhouse offers flexible accommodation as a family home, for a couple or as a pied-à-terre. Approx. 2,492 sq ft.

4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 reception rooms, roof terrace, balcony, porter, private parking/garage.

Freehold Guide Price £3,650,000





BURTON MEWS, SWI

An immaculately presented mews house tucked away in the corner of this mews in the heart of Belgravia and ideally located for Victoria and Sloane Square.

4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, reception room.

Furnished £2,200 per week



PALACE STREET, SWI

A well appointed 9th floor apartment in the heart of Westminster, ideally located to the facilities of Victoria Street and Cardinal Place. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception room.

Furnished £1,325 per week



ECCLESTON SQUARE, SWI

A $2^{\rm nd}$ floor apartment overlooking, and with access to private gardens. Close to Victoria and Belgravia.

2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception room.

Furnished £700 per week



WINCHESTER STREET, SWI

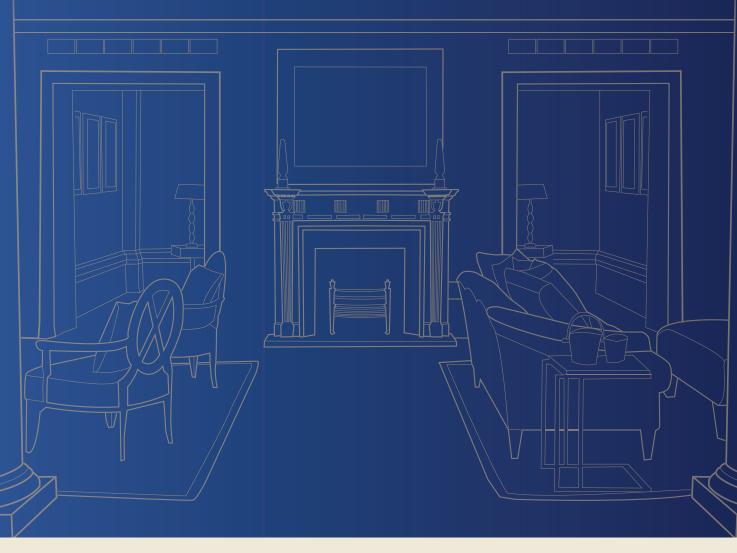
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Bedroom, bathroom, reception.

Furnished £400 per week

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5 Bedrooms

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Study

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£1,950,000 Leasehold

3 double bedrooms 1379 sq ft Ground and lower ground Private patio area Access to communal gardens Walk in wardrobe to master bedroom







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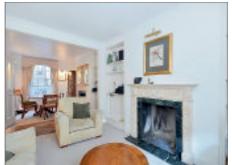
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Little Chester Street, SW1X

A charming three bedroom Victorian town house arranged over four floors in this quiet residential street in Belgravia. This part stucco fronted property features an attractive ground floor double reception room and a lovely patio garden to the rear.

£2,499,950 Freehold

Reception Room Kitchen 3 Bedrooms 2 Ensuite Bathrooms Study Patio













Parson Green Lane, SW6

An elegant home arranged over four floors offering flexible use of space with a wonderful feeling of light and tranquillity. This stunning wider than average four bedroom Victorian town house has been recently refurbished throughout and offers 2,336 square feet of living space. This property is ideally situated in the heart of Parsons Green with its excellent local shops, green open spaces and transport connections. Buses run from the New Kings Road or Fulham Road while Parsons Green tube station offers a service on the District Line.

£1,850,000 Freehold

Two Reception Rooms
Four Bedrooms
Three Bathrooms
Garden
Central Location
Period Features

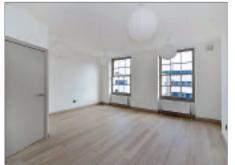
















Claverton Street, SW1

This top floor flat is a beautifully refurbished three bedroom apartment with well appointed kitchen and bathrooms in this attractive, converted period building.

£895,000 Leasehold (Share of Freehold)

Reception Room/Kitchen 3 Bedrooms 2 Bathrooms Utility Room





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Onslow Gardens, SW7

A beautifully presented one bedroom apartment with high ceilings in this popular garden square. This property offers plenty of space with a large reception room leading onto a west facing balcony.

£925 per week Furnished

1 bedroom 1 reception room Kitchen Balcony Garden square







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Vicarage Gate, W8

An immaculate three double bedroom flat that has been neutrally decorated throughout. The property has a spacious reception room with double height ceilings and wooden floors.

£1,050 per week Furnished

3 Bedrooms 2 Bathrooms Large Reception Separate Dining Wooden Floors





High living

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Harrington Gardens, SW7

£1.495.000 leasehold (share of freehold)

What: A magnificent raised ground floor apartment enjoying lovely garden views with beautiful high ceilings and numerous original period features.

Wow factor: There is a stunning original reception room with an expansive bay window and working fireplace with a grand wooden carved surround.

Extras: Open plan kitchen with integrated appliance, beautifully light and large bedroom, state of the art en-suite bathroom with under floor heating, and quest cloakroom.

Hamptons Chelsea, 020 7835 1444



What: A superbly presented apartment.

Wow factor: The magnificent views across London and the River Thames.

Extras: 24 hour concierge, gym reception room/kitchen, two

bedrooms, two bathrooms, lift, porter, and private parking

and private parking.

Hamptons International,
020 7834 4771







Sloane Street, SW1X £1.495.000 leasehold

What: A superb ground floor apartment that has been meticulously refurbished to the highest standards.

Wow factor: Situated in a sought after and very well located Art Deco building with resident porterage.

Extras: Two bedrooms, reception room, kitchen, bathroom, and 24 hour CCTV. Hamptons Knightsbridge, 020 7584 2044





Market round up

The latest from Marsh & Parsons

Gowan Avenue, SW6

£499.950

What: A charming garden flat with potential to extend.

Wow factor: Boasts fantastic entertaining space.

Extras: Large reception room at the front of the building with bespoke fireplace, large kitchen with plenty of room for entertaining, double bedroom, and family bathroom.

Marsh & Parsons Fulham, 020 7736 9822



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Chepstow Place, W2

£2,350,000

What: An impressive triplex apartment. Wow factor: Interconnecting reception rooms offer great space for entertaining. Extras: Large master suite with an en-suite bathroom, a further double bedroom and single bedroom are served by a large shower room.

Marsh & Parsons, 020 7313 2890

In the Garden

Marsh & Parsons was delighted to sponsor the Garden House Feb Fest for yet another year, which helped to raise valuable funds for the Royal Hospital Chelsea and Auditory Verbal UK. This year the children received a wonderful message board from their families and their parents received an audio recording of the book the children wrote for the Feb Fest performance. Keep an eye on facebook.com/ marshandparsons to keep up-to-date

Why I love Pimlico Jake Civardi, Senior Sales Manager, Marsh & Parsons Pimlico

Square, SW1.

Pimlico has an eclectic mix of people and property with its own unique charm. Amongst the hubbub there's also a lovely 'villagey' feel to the area. The architecture of the properties in the area is absolutely stunning, I especially love the classic white stucco fronted house found on Warwick

Royal Crescent, W11

£550 per week

What: A beautiful apartment overlooking a stunning communal garden crescent.

Wow factor: Refurbished to high standards.

Extras: Open plan kitchen and reception room, master bedroom, and modern bathroom suite.

Marsh & Parsons, 020 7605 6890



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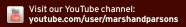




Green Street W1 £3,750,000

This large and elegant Mayfair apartment is situated toward the eastern end of Green Street, which sits below Oxford Street and is regarded as one of Mayfair's most popular addresses. The property occupies the ground and lower ground floors of this well maintained period building. The ground floor comprises a reception room and eat-in kitchen. The lower ground floor boasts two excellent bedroom suites and access to the private garden. Share of Freehold. **Sole Agents.**















Woodsford Square W14 £2,600,000

This elegant and bright family home is arranged over four floors, offering a very large reception room with excellent entertaining space, a well appointed kitchen and a utility room. The bedroom accommodation boasts a master suite, three further double bedrooms and a study. The property also provides a garage and private west facing patio garden. Freehold.

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Campden Street W8 £2,100,000

This beautifully presented terraced house offers excellent living and entertaining space, with the added advantage of air conditioning and a superb roof terrace. The accommodation comprises two large reception rooms, a separate kitchen, a study, two bedrooms, two bathrooms and a private patio garden. Campden Street benefits from excellent local shopping and transport facilities. Kensington Gardens and Holland Park are also nearby. Freehold. **Sole Agents.**



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Kings Road SW3 £1,850,000

This fabulous Chelsea apartment is situated on the King's Road near the Duke of York Square. The superb acommodation comprises a large reception/dinning room, a separate kitchen, a master bedroom with en suite, a further bedroom, bathroom and a stunning roof terrace. Leasehold. **Joint Sole Agents.**

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Mayfair

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North Kensington

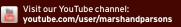
Wallingford Avenue W10 £1,550,000

This exceptional Edwardian property boasts an impressive open plan ground floor with ample entertaining/dining space and a beautifully appointed kitchen. The upper floors comprise four bedrooms (two en suite) and a bathroom. Further highlights include the large landscaped rear garden with artists' studio and a front garden. Freehold.



















Carson Terrace W11 £1,495,000

This stylish and unique mews house has undergone extensive refurbishment and benefits from a stunning reception room on the top floor, a kitchen/breakfast room, two double bedrooms, two shower rooms (one en suite) and a double garage. Carson Terrace is conveniently located in Holland Park, close to the shops, restaurants and Holland Park Underground station. Freehold. **Joint Sole Agents.**

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Ebury Street SW1 £1,450,000

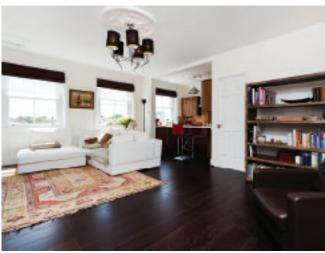
This unique Belgravia apartment boasts a fantastic open plan reception/kitchen that is flooded with natural light, two large double bedrooms (both en suite) and sunny patio garden. A very rare style of property, this ground and garden floor maisonette is situated towards the rear of a period conversion and is exceptionally quiet. Presented in excellent condition throughout with wonderful wood flooring and plenty of built-in storage. Leasehold. **Sole Agents.**



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Queensdale Walk W11 £1,350,000

This charming cottage boasts a very attractive Grade II listed window to the front façade and comprises a large reception on the ground floor with open plan kitchen, two double bedrooms with lovely views over private gardens, a bathroom and a small patio to the rear. Freehold. **Sole Agents.**

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Cornwall Gardens SW7 £1,195,000

This excellent apartment is flooded with natural light and comprises a large open plan kitchen/reception room, a spacious master bedroom, a further bedroom and a bathroom. Cornwall Gardens is a highly sought after address close to the amenities Gloucester Road and Kensington. **Joint Sole Agents.**

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Highlever Road W10 £1,200,000

This beautiful Edwardian property boasts ample reception space and a bright open plan kitchen/dining area with doors leading out to the garden. Further accommodation includes two bedrooms, a family bathroom and a spacious loft bedroom with en suite shower room. Freehold. **Joint Sole Agent.**

Gloucester Street SW1 £699,950

This beautiful lower ground floor apartment comprises a large open plan kitchen/reception room, a patio garden, two double bedrooms, a bathroom and a large utility room. The vaults have been converted to create an annex with a further bedroom, study and bathroom. **Joint Sole Agents.**

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Eaton Mews North SW1 £1,650 per week

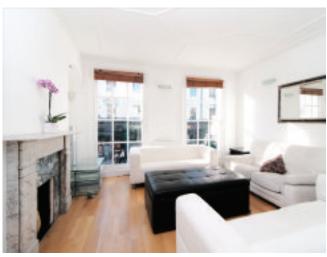
This stunning newly refurbished Mews house has undergone an extensive refurbishment. The spacious accommodation boasts a large open plan kitchen/ reception room with wooden floors, three double bedrooms and three modern en suite bathrooms. The property further benefits from private parking.

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Holland Park W11 £1,200 per week

A large two double bedroom apartment situated in one of Holland Park's stucco fronted villas. The accommodation boasts a spacious reception room, a dining area, a modern kitchen, a master bedroom with en suite bathroom, a second very large double bedroom and a guest bathroom.

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Kensington Church Street W8 £695 per week

This bright maisonette is arranged over two floors and offers a spacious living area with wooden floors, a modern eat-in kitchen, two double bedrooms with two bathrooms and great storage, ideally located for the amenities and transport links of Kensington High Street and Notting Hill.

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Holland Road W14 £575 per week

This newly refurbished apartment comprises a spacious reception room, a dining room and kitchen. The bedroom accommodation provides two bedrooms, and two bathrooms. The property is beautifully presented throughout and is furnished with beautiful, contemporary furniture.

Oakworth Street W10 £525 per week

This modern, first floor apartment boasts a reception room, a separate contemporary fitted kitchen, three double bedrooms, a bathroom and a private garden. Located in a popular part of North Kensington, close to St Helens Gardens, Ladbroke Grove and the Kensington Memorial Park.



Christchurch Terrace, Chelsea SW3

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- 6 Bedrooms
- Roof terrace
- 5 Bathrooms
- · 3 Reception rooms
- Garden
- Passenger lift
- · Air conditioning
- · Listed building
- Approx. 3,836 sq ft (357 sq m)

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Petersham Mews, South Kensington SW7

- 4 Bedrooms
- 4 Bathrooms
- · 3 Reception rooms
- Mews house
- · Contemporary decor
- Approx. 3,137 sq ft (291 sq m)

"A rare find in this stunning new mews house"

Guide price £4.95 million Freehold

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Gertrude Street, Chelsea SW10

- 5 Bedrooms
- 4 Bathrooms
- · 3 Reception rooms
- · Kitchen / breakfast room
- · Roof terrace and garden
- Approx. 2,835 sq ft (263.37 sq m)

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Unique Freehold Shaftesbury Mews, Kensington W8

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Freehold £2,500,000 Kensington office 020 7795 4288 kt@bectivelesliemarsh.co.uk









Prestigious Location Braemar Mansions, Kensington SW7

A magnificent lateral apartment (303 sq m/3,270 sq ft approx.) located on the third floor of a highly sought-after portered building complete with direct lift access. The property is presented in excellent condition throughout boasting luxurious living accommodation and vast, enviable entertaining space and access to the beautiful communal gardens. 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms (3 en suite), bedroom 5/dressing room, double reception room, dining room, eat-in kitchen, guest cloakroom, direct lift access, 24 hour porterage, communal garden access.

Share of freehold £5,950,000

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Family Living Kelso Place, Kensington W8

A recently refurbished house presented in fabulous order throughout. The property benefits from being finished to exacting standards as well as being situated on a quiet street. In addition, the location provides almost immediate access to Kensington High Street and the wide open green spaces of Kensington Gardens. 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms [1 en suite], reception room, open plan kitchen/dining room, study, utility room, private terrace, garden, off street parking.

Unfurnished £2,000 per week

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Stunning Roof Terrace Observatory Gardens, Kensington W8

A unique top floor flat situated in this highly sought after mansion block. The property is flooded with natural light and offers superb views across Kensington. Observatory Gardens is prestigiously located in the heart of Kensington, moments to the numerous shops, bars and restaurants of High Street Kensington and the green spaces of Holland Park. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception room, dining room, kitchen, lift, 24 hour porter, gym, direct access to roof terrace, underground parking.

Furnished £975 per week

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Family Home Oxford Gardens, North Kensington W10

A stunning family house finished to an exacting standard, the property offers a large contemporary eat-in kitchen which leads to a charming reception room with feature fireplace. The bedrooms are well proportioned throughout, offering good space for family living. Oxford Gardens is a pretty tree lined road in North Kensington, and the property is located around the popular residential roads of Wallingford Avenue and Finstock Road. 4 bedrooms, bathroom, 2 shower rooms (1 en suite), reception room, kitchen/dining room, garden.

Unfurnished £1,350 per week

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Period House Chepstow Villas, Notting Hill W11

A charming period house offering impressive reception rooms with high ceilings, ideal for entertaining. The house is located on the corner of Chepstow Villas and Denbigh Road, a prime location in the heart of Notting Hill within close proximity of the numerous boutiques, restaurants and bars on Westbourne Grove. 8 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms (2 en suite), en suite shower room, 4 reception rooms, 2 kitchens, patio garden.

Furnished Price on Application

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Accommodation

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Annual Kensington Lettings Directory

Strutt & Parker

Head of Lettings: Sophie Wedlock-Smith

Head of Sales: Rupert Wiggin

Company Profile: Strutt & Parker is one of the UK's leading, privately owned property partnerships.

Typical Property: Anything from large family houses, newly refurbished penthouse flats to quirky studios.

Tips to Tenant: Make sure you use an ARLA qualified agent.

Tips to Landlord: Present your property in an immaculate neutral condition.

Market Comment: Strutt & Parker have had a flying start to 2012. We have expanded our office network and team in Central London and we are looking forward to a busy 2012.

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Knight Frank

Head of Lettings: Giles Barrett

Head of Sales: Mark Redfern / Laura Turner

Company Profile: A local, national and international property company.

Typical Property: A one bed on Brunswick Gardens or a large family house on Victoria Road. Tips to Tenant: A shortage of property means

sensible offer.

Tips to Landlord: There is still a shortage of property, but the best properties still rise to the

Market Comment: We predict growth of 4-5% in 2012. The core market (one and two beds) is predicted to perform particularly well. 54-56 Kensington Church Street, W8

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John D Wood

Head of Lettings: Monica Larranaga

Head of Sales: Rollo Miles

Company Profile: A well-established and high profile sales and lettings agent covering London and the South of England.

Typical Property: All properties ranging from one bedroom flats to five/six bedroom family houses.

Tips to Tenant: Tenants should ensure that their offers are made as attractive as possible.

Tips to Landlord: Although Landlords continue to be in a strong position it is important for properties to be presented in immaculate order.

Market Comment: Lettings continue to be an

appealing alternative for buyers.

10 Portland Road, W11 020 7727 2233

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Douglas & Gordon

Head of Lettings: Amanda Bastin

Company Profile: D&G is one of the largest privately owned estate agents in central and



that when you see something

specialize in high quality residential property from one bed flats to large family houses.

Tips to Tenant: Be first through the door and act quickly if you are interested in a property.

Tips to Landlord: Rental figures remain strong but be careful not to over inflate the asking price. Market Comment: As we enter the first quarter

of 2012 the rental market remains strong. 172 Kensington Church Street, W8

020 7792 1331 / kenlets@dng.co.uk www.douglasandgordon.com

Marsh & Parsons

Head of Lettings: Verity Barrett Head of Sales: Craig Tonkin

Company Profile: An established, forward-

thinking estate agency.

Typical Property: Our property register encompasses a wide range of properties from studio flats to five bedroom houses.

Tips to Tenant: Be prepared! Tips to Landlord: Presentation is key.

Market Comment: At present applicants that are registering are mainly from a corporate and professional background with interest in properties at all levels of the market.

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Chesterton Humberts

Head of Lettings: Corinna Digeser Head of Sales: Rex Chalmers

Company Profile: A multi-disciplinary practice. Typical Property: We deal with a wide range of properties in the medium to top end market. Tips to Tenant: Tenants must act quickly.

Tips to Landlord: There are good quality tenants out there, although they want value for money.

Market Comment: The 2012 lettings market has started off extremely buoyant with people coming back ready to move after their holidays.

Lurot Brand

Head of Lettings: Lajla Turner Head of Sales: Oliver Lurot

Company Profile: Established in 1971, Lurot Brand specialises in mews properties and other charming cottages across all of Central London. Typical Property: Three bedroom house in SW7 at £1,200 per week and two bedroom house in W2 at £900 per week are two examples.

Tips to Tenant: Make friends with your negotiator - they do know better!

Tips to Landlord: It is an excellent time to market your property.

Market Comment: 2012 has started with a bang! More properties urgently needed. However Tenants have largely reduced budgets and

expect more for their money. 37-41 Sussex Place, W2

020 7479 1999 / lajla@lurotbrand.co.uk www.lurotbrand.co.uk

Bective Leslie Marsh

Head of Lettings: George Darbishire

Head of Sales: Kim Turner

Company Profile: Five London offices dealing with residential, commercial and international

sales and long and short lets.

Typical Property: Flats and houses from £300

per week to £10,000 + per week. Tips to Tenant: To be clear with your

requirements from the onset and move quickly. Tips to Landlord: Enjoy the busy market, but it's important to be competitive on price and ensure

your property is well presented.

Market Comment: A buoyant market with substantial numbers of serious tenants who are ready to move very quickly for the right property. 10 Hornton Street, W8 4NW

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QUEEN'S GATE, SOUTH KENSINGTON, SW7

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Accommodation: Entrance hall, drawing room, dining room, guest cloakroom, kitchen, utility room, master bedroom with dressing room and bathroom ensuite, bedroom 2 with shower room ensuite, 2 further bedrooms and family bathroom. Direct lift access, Intelligent 'Control 4' lighting control, Timoleon underfloor heating, air conditioning system, solar reflective and semitransparent 'invisible' motorised blinds.

£5,750,000

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Accommodation and amenities: Stunning entrance hall, elegant drawing/dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, master bedroom with en suite bathroom and dressing room, 1 further suite with en suite bathroom, 2 further suites with en suite shower rooms, comfort cooling, balcony, 1 car parking space, use of leisure and business suite, passenger lift, 24 hour porterage, 24 hour valet car parking.

Penelope Court penny@beauchamp.co.uk

Price on application
Leasehold (999 years from 24 June 2005)
JSA Knight Frank 020 7591 8600





Lettings update

Latest from the rental market in the area







Academy Gardens, W8 £3,500pw

What: A four bedroom duplex apartment situated in one of the most sought after developments in Kensington.

Wow factor: The second and third floor duplex boasts a double reception room that has high ceilings, and the apartment has a modern and clean feel throughout.

Extras: Three bathrooms, double reception room, kitchen, lift, porter, concierge, access to the facilities including gym and swimming pool, and underground parking. Knight Frank Kensington, 020 7937 8203

stunning apartment on Lennox Gardens.

Wow factor: The property is presented in immaculate condition throughout and benefits from east, south and west facing windows and is flooded with natural light.

Extras: Four bedrooms, two receptions, two bathrooms, finished to an extremely high standard, and boasts great open plan living and entertaining space. Marsh & Parsons Chelsea, 020 7591 5570



Eaton Mews South, SW1 £1.800pw

What: A fantastic double fronted family mews house, finished to a very high standard.

Wow factor: Benefits from an integral garage and is close to the amenities of Belgravia and Sloane Square.

Extras: Reception room, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility room, master bedroom with walk-in wardrobe and en-suite bathroom, bedroom two with en-suite bathroom, separate shower room, and garage/play room. Bodens, 020 7225 0433

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Cadogan Gardens, SW3

A stunning and spacious one bedroom raised ground floor flat, with access to private garden square in Chelsea

£1,495,000 Leasehold





Large living room with dining space
Semi open plan kitchen -En suite bathroom Raised ground floorSloane Square underground South Kensington & Chelsea sales 020 7373 8883



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Drayton Court, SW10

Impressive and spacious three bedroom mansion apartment near "Fulham Beach"

£2,400,000 Share of freehold





- Large living/dining roomTwo bathrooms (one en-suite)
- Mansion building with caretaker
- Separate kitchen
- Fifth floor, with lift access
- Gloucester Road underground

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Longridge Road, SW5 A fabulous first floor flat with high ceilings and private terrace in Earls Court

£1,100,000 Leasehold







- First floor flat
- High ceilings
- Open plan reception Private terrace
- Recently refurbished Earls Court underground

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Octavia House, SW6

Two bedroom two bathroom apartment in a riverside development in Imperial Wharf £795,000 Leasehold







- Newly refurbished flatFifth floor with lift access
- Open plan kitchen and dining area
- Two double bedrooms
- Onsite gym, bar and restaurantsImperial Wharf overland

Fulham sales 02077315115

Gowan Avenue, SW6 A recently refurbished two bedroom duplex with a private roof terrace in Munster Village

£699,950 Share of freehold







- -Two double bedrooms
- -Two bathrooms (one en suite)
- -Two floors
- -Roof terrace and garden
- End-of-terrace period conversion - Parsons Green underground

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Lexham Gardens, W8

A superb two bedroom duplex apartment with a private terrace in Kensington



£1,200,000 Share of freehold

- -Two double bedroom duplex
- -Three bathrooms (two ensuite)
- South facing reception
- Private roof terrace
- Lift and Porter
- -High Street Kensington underground

South Kensington & Chelsea sales 020 7373 8883

Nevern Square, SW5

A beautiful first floor three bedroom flat with a private terrace on a popular garden square



£1,050,000 Share of freehold

- -Three bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Two receptions
- Period features
- Private terrace & communal gardens
- Earls Court underground

South Kensington & Chelsea sales 02073738883

Fulham Island, SW6

One bedroom portered apartment with large balcony and lift in Fulham Broadway



£470,000 Leasehold

- One double bedroom
- Private balcony
- Fourth floor with lift access
- Open plan kitchen and dining areaPorter and underground parking
- Fulham Broadway underground

Burlington Road, SW6

Two double bedroom duplex in Fulham near to Putney Bridge underground



£429,950 Leasehold

- Bedrooms with built in storage
- Living room with a dining area
- Separate kitchen

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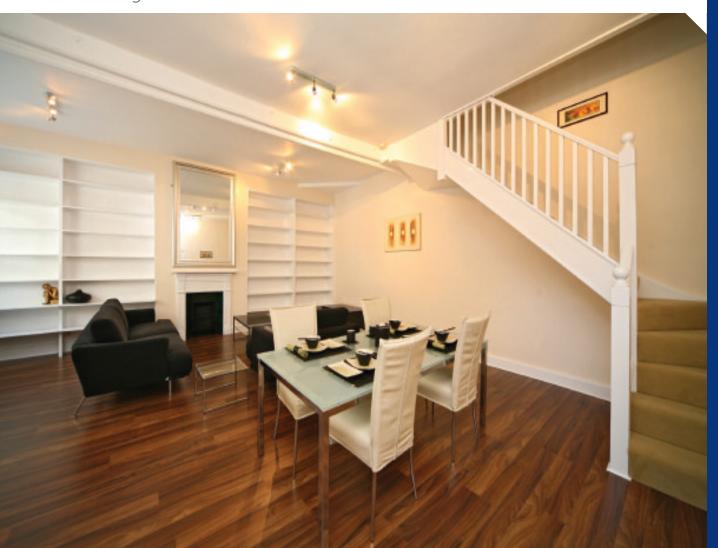
- Second and third floors
- Modern bathroom
- Putney Bridge underground

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Dove Mews, SW5 Three bedroom house with a private roof terrace in South Kensington £1,400 p/w Furnished/Unfurnished





- Three double bedrooms
- Spacious living room Large roof terrace
- -Two bathrooms
- Arranged over three floorsGloucester Road underground

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Onslow Gardens, SW7 One bedroom first floor with private terrace in South Kensington

£925 p/w Furnished







-One bedroom flat

- Large living room with dining area Separate kitchen
- -First floor of conversion
- Private terrace
- -South Kensington underground

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Atalanta Street, SW6 Four double bedroom house with a private garden in Munster Village

£900 p/w Unfurnished







- Four double bedrooms
- Recently refurbished
- Double reception room
- Separate dining area
- Private lawned garden - Parsons Green underground

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St Georges Drive, SW1V Two bedroom flat on the first floor with terrace in Pimlico Grid

£725p/w Furnished







- -Two double bedrooms
- -Two bathrooms
- Roof terrace
- -Semi open plan kitchen
- -First floor (with lift)
- -Pimlico underground

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Kempsford Gardens, SW5 Recently redecorated two bedroom flat located off Old Brompton Road close to Earls Court

£485p/w Furnished







- Semi open plan kitchen
- First floor
- -Wood floors
- -Victorian conversion
- Living room with dining space
- Earls Court underground

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St. Maur Road, SW6

Three double bedroom duplex with a private roof terrace in the heart of Parsons Green



£750 p/w Furnished

- -Three double bedrooms
- -Spacious living room
- Separate kitchen with a dining area

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- -Split level, first and second floors
- Private roof terrace
- Parsons Green underground

Tennyson Mansions, W14

Two double bedroom flat in the Queens Club Gardens, Barons Court



£575 p/w Furnished

- -Two double bedrooms
- -Living room with working fireplace
- Separate kitchen with a dining area
- Fulham lettings 020 7384 1400
- -Small study
- -Access to gardens and tennis courts
- -Barons Court underground

Queen's Gate, SW7

Two double bedroom, two bathroom flat in South Kensington



Longridge Road, SW5

Contemporary first floor one bedroom flat with terrace in Earls Court



£535 p/w Furnished

- -One bedroom flat
- -First floor of Victorian conversion
- Separate kitchen
- Bathroom with power shower cubicle
- Access to communal gardens in Nevern Square
- Earls Court underground

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Rylston Road, SW6

Completely refurbished two double bedroom flat with a private garden in Fulham



£695 p/w Furnished £53

- -Two bedrooms
- -Two bathrooms
- Excellent order
- -South facing reception
- -Own entrance
- South Kensington underground

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£525 p/w Furnished

- -Two double bedrooms
- -Spacious living room with a dining area
- Modern kitchen
- -Two bathrooms
- -Underground parking included in the rent
- -Fulham Broadway underground

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Kensington Church Street, Notting Hill W8

Fantastic new development providing light and spacious accommodation benefiting from a porter and lift.

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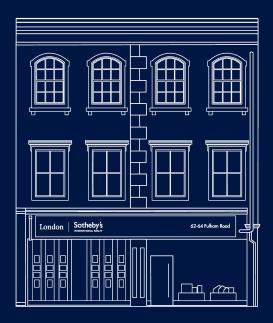
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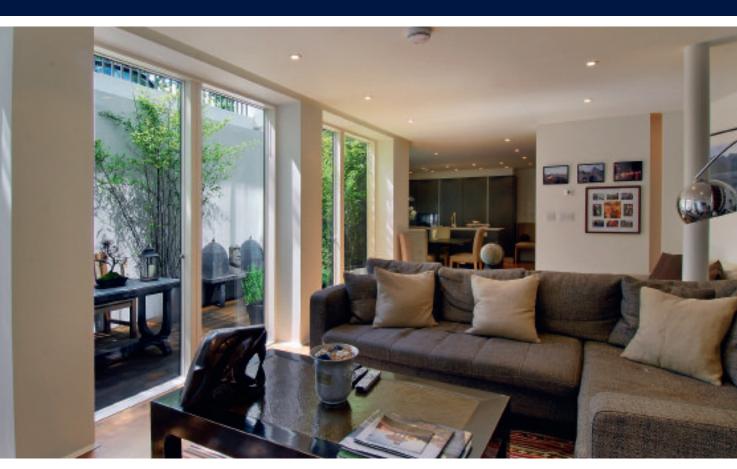
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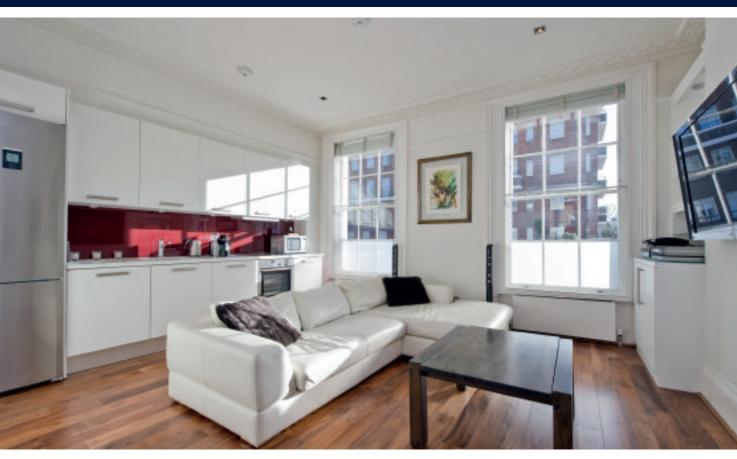
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A fantastic 3 bedroom, freehold family house extending to 2,292 square feet with the benefit of off street parking and a charming west facing garden.

2,292 sq ft / 213 sq m

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FREEHOLD ASKING PRICE £1,995,000

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IFIELD ROAD, SW10

This 1st floor 1 bedroom flat serves well as a letting investment and would also make a very manageable pied a terre.

£415,000

Share of Freehold



FINBOROUGH ROAD, SW10

This 2 double bedroom flat is approached via its own street entrance and with the benefit of a private garden to the rear. 768 sq ft / 71.35 sq m

£625,000

Share of Freehold



BILLING PLACE, SW10

A very attractively presented 2/3 bedroom freehold house, prominently positioned on the corner of Billing Place. 971 sq ft / 90.21 sq m £1,150,000

Freehold



KINGS ROAD, SW3

An immaculate 1 bedroom ground floor flat with a beautiful newly refurbished interior and high ceilings throughout. 527 sq ft / 48.96 sq m

£750,000

Leasehold



CALLOW STREET, SW3

This is a fantastic opportunity to acquaire a classic 1 bedroom raised ground floor flat.

522 sq ft / 48.49 sq m

£695,000

Share of Freehold



LEXHAM GARDENS, W8

A rare opportunity to acquire a top floor flat (no lift) with planning permission to build a new fifth floor.

729 sq ft / 67.73 sq m

£1,300,000

Share of Freehold

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KINGS ROAD, SW10

An immaculate interior designed 2 bedroom 1st floor flat situated in a striking corner building.

784 sq ft / 72.83 sq m

£845,000

Share of Freehold



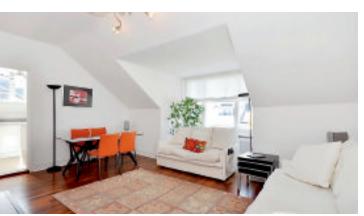
BILLING PLACE, SW10

A pretty 2 bedroom period cottage in this highly sought after enclave of multi coloured cottages.

975 sq ft / 90.58 sq m

£1,175,000

Freehold



REDCLIFFE GARDENS, SW10

A light and bright 2 bedroom top floor apartment, forming part of this attractive period building on this popular tree lined street. 850 sq ft / 79 sq m

£699,950

Leasehold



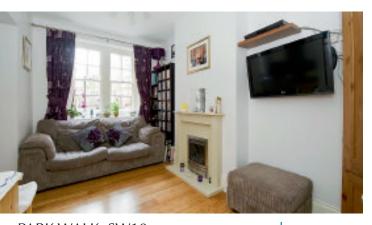
SLAIDBURN STREET, SW10

An immaculately newly refurbished 4 bedroom freehold house situated at the end of a quiet street with a large terrace.

1,368 sq ft / 127.09 sq m

£1,795,000

Freehold



PARK WALK, SW10

This 2 double bedroom flat is situated on the lower ground floor of a particularly well maintained period Victorian mansion block. $582\ sq\ ft\ /\ 54.07\ sq\ m$

£660,000

Share of Freehold



REDCLIFFE SQUARE, SW10

A charming and well presented 2 bedroom lower ground floor flat in this popular square with a patio garden.

1,608 sq ft / 149.38 sq m

£1,500,000

Leasehold

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HARCOURT TERRACE, SW10

An extremely spacious two double bedroom flat with their own ensuite bathrooms which has been redecorated throughout and enjoys lots of natural light. The property has wood floors throughout, a semi-open plan kitchen and reception room in addition to a cloakroom/utility with separate washing machine and dryer.

£675 per week

Furnished



DRAYTON GARDENS, SW10

A modern and spacious three bedroom apartment situated on the fourth floor (with lift) of a recently built apartment block with a porter and underground parking. The apartment has a large reception room with dining area and access to a balcony, the three bathrooms and kitchen are modern with good quality fixtures and fittings.

£1300 per week

Unfurnished



FARRIER WALK, SW10

A lovely four bedroom town house located in a secure gated development presented in excellent condition and with the added benefit of a garage and a pretty quiet terrace. The house provides spacious and versatile accommodation allowing the house to work well for a family. Farrier Walk is located off Fulham Road and within walking distance of all the local amenities.

£1800 per week

Unfurnished



EARL'S COURT SQUARE, SW5

A charming five bedroom family house situated on a beautiful garden square which offers excellent spacious accommodation and brilliant entertaining space. The house also comprises a lovely reception room with views of the gardens, an eat-in kitchen and access to the pristine communal gardens.

£2250 per week

Unfurnished

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ELM PARK GARDENS, SW10

Beautifully refurbished throughout in a contemporary style, this spacious two bedroom, two bathroom apartment is located just off the Fulham Road and with easy access to South Kensington and Gloucester Road tube stations. The property is situated on the 3rd floor (with lift) of a period property with access to the communal gardens.

£950 per week

Unfurnished



WETHERBY GARDENS, SW5

An absolutely stunning first floor apartment with high ceilings throughout and access to the communal gardens. The apartment has fantastic accommodation including a kitchen/dining room, an elegant and spacious reception room overlooking the beautiful manicured gardens and two large double bedrooms.

£1500 per week

Unfurnished



BOLTON GARDENS, SW5

A fantastic two double bedroom apartment which has been refurbished to an exceptional standard and situated on the first floor of this well maintained period building. The property has an elegant reception room, a spacious kitchen and dining room with a large private decked terrace which overlooks the stunning communal gardens.

£1700 per week

Furnished



IMPERIAL WHARF, SW6

An immaculate three bedroom duplex apartment with stunning river and skyline views and fabulous entertaining space. The property has been refurbished to an exceptionally high standard with contemporary fixtures and fittings and benefits from a substantial roof terrace and two underground parking spaces.

£2750 per week

Unfurnished

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OLD BROMPTON ROAD SW5

A wonderfully proportioned, substantial family home, intelligently designed with access to a private communal garden within the Boltons Conservation Area. The property offers magnificent reception space, with an elegant first floor drawing room and a generous ground floor kitchen/breakfast room, all enjoying open views onto the beautiful gardens with the much sought after Southerly aspect. An expansive master suite, on the second floor, is also privy to the same views.

ACCOMMODATION

Entrance Hall • Kitchen / Breakfast Room
Dining Room / Family Room • First Floor
Drawing Room • First Floor Dining Room
Master Bedroom with en-suite Bathroom
5 Further Bedrooms • 2 Shower Rooms
2 Bathrooms • Playroom / Media Room
Laundry Room • Secondary Laundry Room
Guest Cloakroom • Wine Cellar • Patio
Communal Garden

Freehold
Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea
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NETHERTON GROVE SW10

A rare opportunity to acquire a spacious, wide and low-built home, quietly located on this sought after cul-de-sac address. The house is extremely bright and well proportioned throughout and particularly benefits from a 33' West-facing garden, as well as off-street parking.

ACCOMMODATION

Double Drawing Room • Open Plan Kitchen • Family Room • Study • Master Bedroom with En Suite Bathroom 3 Further Bedrooms • 1 Further Bathroom • 1 Further Shower Room • Laundry Room • Guest WC • Off Street Parking 33' West Facing Garden

Freehold

Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea







PAULTONS SQUARE SW3

This wonderfully proportioned Grade II listed house offers an incoming purchaser the ability to create their perfect home. On one of Chelsea's favourite garden squares, this house is offered with planning permission to substantially improve and increase the size of the house and further benefits from a stunning 57ft East-facing garden.

Freehold Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea £4,250,000 STC

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Lettings Directory

This month, Henry and James explores the value of short term letting during the Olympics

Agent speaks

Annaliese Griffiss of Henry and James

The prime central London lettings market remains strong but there's one area that has been a disappointment: short lets for the Olympics. Earlier last year, there were numerous stories in the press saying that there would be a dire shortage of hotel rooms available during the Olympics and that entire hotels were already booked well in advance of the games. Private homeowners were being encouraged to let out their homes to meet the demand. We at Henry & James began researching the implications of letting properties short term during the Olympics and concluded that for most, it probably wasn't a viable option. We have seen little evidence of this so-called demand and both the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea and Westminster Council require homeowners to obtain planning permission before letting their properties on a short term basis. Furthermore, anyone in a leasehold property will need the permission of the freeholder or else they will be in breach of the head lease. Our advice to landlords is that if deliberating between taking on a long term tenant now or holding out for a short term tenant over the Olympic period, opt for the long term tenant. Annaliese Griffiss 2 Cale Street SW3 3QU 020 7581 5011





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Eaton Place, SW1X £1,400 pw

- ◆ Double reception room
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Two en suites ◆ Cloakroom

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Cadogan Square, SW1X

£1,750 pw

- ◆ Reception room ◆ Dining room
- ◆ Two bedrooms ◆ Two bathrooms

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Ralston Street, SW3

£450 pw

- ◆ Reception room ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Double bedroom ◆ Furnished

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Cedar House, W8 £2,500 pw

- ◆ Four Bedrooms ◆ Lateral apartment ◆ Two reception rooms
- ♦ South of High street Kensington Kensington Office lets.kns@marshandparsons.co.uk 020 7368 4450



Arlington House, SW1

- £2,000 pw
- ◆ Located in the heart of Mayfair
- ◆ Furnished to a high standard
- ◆ Two double bedrooms ◆ Porter Chelsea Office

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Holland Park Mews, W11 £1,200 pw

- ◆ Stunning Mews House
- ◆ Recently Refurbished ◆ Private

Garage ◆ Two Bedrooms Holland Park Office

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Iverna Court, W8 £1,650 pw

◆ Four bedrooms ◆ Three bathrooms ◆ Large double reception ◆ Study ◆ Communal gardens ◆ Porter rickmanproperties.com
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Queens Gate, W8

- £700 pw to £2,750 pw
- ◆ Refurbished to a high standard
- ◆ Six one to four bedroom apartments ◆ Private patios
- ◆ Available end February 2012 rickmanproperties.com
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Lennox Gardens, SW1X £1,490 pw

- ◆ Three storey penthouse apartment ◆ Four double bedrooms ◆ Reception room
- ◆ Private roof terrace ◆ Guest WC rickmanproperties.com 020 7937 9777



South Terrace, SW3 £5,750 pw

- ◆ An exceptional family house
- ◆ Modern living environment
- ◆ Wonderful lighting

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Sloane Court West, SW3 £1,950 pw

- ◆ A stunning first and second floor split maisonette
- ◆ Newly refurbished

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Cheyne Court, SW3 £2,000 pw

- ◆ Newly refurbished first floor lateral flat ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ Double reception room

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Shaftesbury Mews, W8 £1,750 pw

- ◆ 3 Bedrooms ◆ 3 Bathrooms
- ◆ Roof terrace ◆ Garage Kensington Office 020 7795 4288

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Westbourne Gardens, W2 £995 pw

- ◆ 3 Bedrooms ◆ En suite shower room ◆ Open plan kitchen
- ◆ Communal gardens
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Cambridge Gardens, W10 £1,150 pw

- ♦ 3 Bedrooms ♦ 2 Bathrooms
- ◆ Kitchen/dining room ◆ Garden
- ◆ High quality finish Notting Hill Office

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Draycott Place, SW3

£1,075,000 | Share of Freehold

A very well presented & spacious one bed apartment in an ideal location, within a moments walk from the King's Road and Sloane Square tube station. The property comprises of a very large open plan kitchen and reception room on the ground floor. On the lower ground floor there is a cloakroom and double bedroom which leads onto a good sized study, dressing room and en suite bathroom.

Open plan kitchen and reception room, Double bedroom, En suite bathroom, Dressing room/study.





Chesham Street, SW1X

£1,600,000 | Leasehold | JSA: Knight Frank

An excellent two double bedroom third floor (with lift) pied-a-terre in the centre of Belgravia situated on the conveniently located Chesham Street in a well maintained Victorian conversion. The property is presented in good condition throughout and comprises reception room, kitchen, two double bedrooms & two bathrooms.

Reception room, Kitchen, Two double bedrooms, Two bathrooms, Lift.





Smith Street, SW3 £2,600 p.w | Unfurnished

A beautiful, spacious period house which has been refurbished to an exacting standard, with wood flooring in the receptions and neutral decoration throughout. This elegant family home has excellent entertaining space with a drawing room, dining room and conservatory, as well as a charming patio garden extending to 34.5ft. The second floor is reserved entirely for an impressive master bedroom suite and the flexible accommodation allows for up to 5 further bedrooms.

Master bedroom with en suite, Up to a further 5 bedrooms, Three receptions, Kitchen, Bathroom, Shower room, Utility room, Paved garden.





Wilton Terrace, SW1X

£1,700 p.w | Furnished

A stunning first floor lateral apartment in one of Belgravia's finest locations. This spacious 2 double bedroom property, which has high ceilings and elegant period features, has a balcony to the front from the reception and a further one at the back overlooking the boutiques of Motcomb Street. Ideally situated for Knightsbridge and Hyde Park, this property has been neutrally decorated throughout and has excellent storage.

Reception room, Kitchen, Two double bedrooms, Two bathrooms (one en-suite), Two balconies, Lift.



BELGRAVIA











Chapel Street SW1X

An immaculate Grade II listed townhouse, constructed circa 1820 and refurbished to an exceptional standard with design by Jane Churchill. The property retains a wealth of period features and is situated on a prime residential address just off Belgrave Square double reception room | dining room | 5 bedrooms (3 en suite) | 1 further bathroom | kitchen/breakfast room | guest cloakroom | balcony | south-facing garden

Guide price £6,495,000 freehold









Elm Park Road SW10

A beautifully refurbished apartment with a sensational 44ft south-facing garden. The property has high ceilings, fantastic living space and green views to the front and rear. Elm Park Road runs between Old Church Street and Beaufort Street, between the Fulham Road and Kings Road

drawing room | dining room | 3 bedrooms (1 en suite) | further bathroom | kitchen/breakfast room | guest cloakroom | utility room | garden Guide price £2,500,000 share of freehold











Sloane Square SW1W

A newly refurbished spacious apartment on the third floor of this period building with excellent fitted storage throughout. This large, bright flat runs the full width of this smart red brick building with views over both Duke of York Square and Sloane Square, and as such is conveniently located for the shopping and transport facilities offered by both

reception room | master bedroom (en suite) with dressing room | 2 further double bedrooms | further bathroom | kitchen | lift

£1,175 per week unfurnished









Kensington Court Place W8

A lovely house in the heart of Kensington, refurbished to the highest possible level and boasts under floor heating, sky TV and plasma screens throughout the house. It also benefits from its own patio garden and is only moments from Hyde Park entrance hall | 2 reception rooms | master bedroom (en suite) | 2 further bedrooms | further bathroom | kitchen/dining room | guest cloakroom | garden

£1,995 per week furnished/unfurnished



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CLARGES STREET, W1

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LANCASTER GATE, W2

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Grosvenor Waterside, £425,000 (STC) Leasehold



This 3rd floor apartment, with a quiet and secluded frontage in the Grosvenor Waterside development (pictured) is presented to the market. The apartment consists of one double bedroom with built in storage, a modern kitchen and bathroom and an open plan reception / dining room. The development benefits from not only a 24 hour concierge, but also a gym with residents only spa with Jacuzzi and Sauna. There is also access to a pretty communal roof terrace as well as views from the apartment over-looking a second communal garden. The development is close to both Sloane Square and Victoria tube stations as well as being within easy walk of Chelsea, Battersea Park and the River. This would make a fabulous first time buy, pied-a-terre and investment purchase.

Fast find TR4629

Cumberland Street, SW1 £475,000 (STC) Share of Freehold



A delightful ground floor apartment with wider than average frontage is presented to the market in Pimlico, SW1. The property's reception is in the region of 200 sq ft and it also benefits from high ceilings a recently refurbished kitchen and bathroom, a share of the freehold with a recently extended lease. This would provide great opportunities for those looking for a first purchase, a pied-a-terre or investment purchase. Cumberland Street is not only quiet but also provides easy access to either Vitoria Station or Sloane Square.









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A brand newly renovated apartment situated on the third floor of this riverside development close to the amenities of the New Kings Road and a short walk from the open spaces of Battersea Park.

Entering in to a spacious hall which leads to a large reception room with floor to ceiling windows and a large terrace. There is a semi open plan well appointed kitchen, 2 double bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, guest WC and laundry room. The development has an on site porter and underground parking for residents.









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£1,975,000 F/hld Foxtons.co.uk/13655850



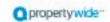




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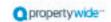




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Reception room with dining area, kitchen, 3 double bedrooms, single bedroom/study, 3 bathrooms.

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A charming and contemporary south-facing house tucked away in this cobbled mews.

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LUROT BRAND

PRINCES GATE MEWS, SW7

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EAGLE PLACE, SW7

A delightful corner house with windows on three sides in this wonderful private mews.

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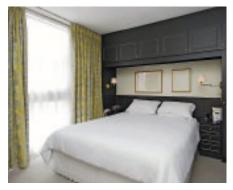
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- Kitchen

- Cloakroom
- Porter
- = Lift

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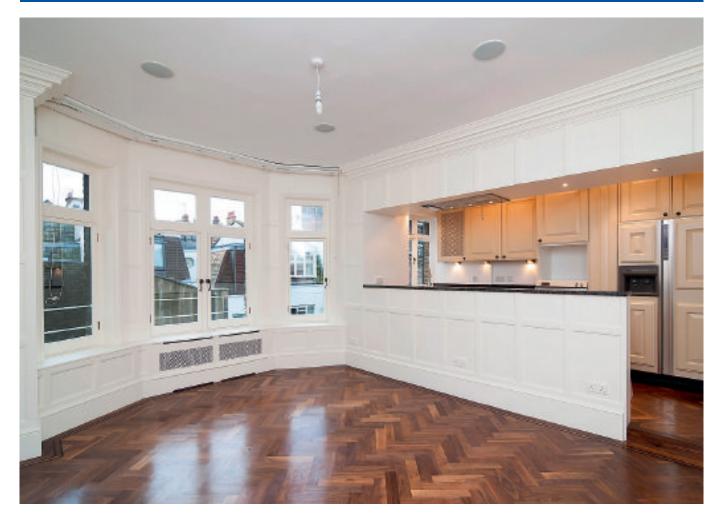
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£2,150,000 Leasehold

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Redcliffe Gardens SW5 £3,250,000 Share of Freehold

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- Sitting Room
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 Sitting Room
- → Dining Room
- → Master Bedroom (en-suite)
- ≥ Second Double Bedroom
- Two Further Bathrooms
- ≥ Study, Lift, Porter
- Access to Communal Gardens





Area focus

More market comment revolving around four prime spots in Central London

... Belgravia



The beginning of 2012 has certainly started well with a healthy number of new buyers of all nationalities entering the market and registering as prospective purchasers. Offers are being made on both new properties and those that were marketed at the end of last year. Hopefully 2012 will be the year that Chinese prospective buyers are finally allowed to move their monies out of their country and into investment property in Prime Central London, which would certainly shake the market up somewhat! We have achieved record prices per square foot in the Joanna Symes, Henry & James, 020 7235 8861

... Chelsea



The market in Chelsea is showing signs of considerable activity across the board. The problem is likely to be stock levels as usual with more folk holding onto their residential assets due to a dearth of other positively performing investment vehicles. As a result, I suspect that our experienced Lettings Department will enjoy more instructions and tenancy agreements. Having said this owners will be looking to cash in their chips as prices have never been higher. I am considering doing just that! Ben Osborne, Farrar & Co. 020 7244 4444



... Pimlico

2012 has started like the men's 100m final will; with a bang! This only goes to show that the buying public still firmly believes that despite - or perhaps because of - the global economic problems London is a safe place to be investing their money. Pricing is key to this success. To get the best out of the market it is essential that properties are priced correctly and therefore one must avoid the temptation to be greedy - purchasers do huge amounts of research and will only look at things they believe are fairly priced. Harry Buchanan, Jackson-Stops & Staff, 020 7828 4050



Nice busy start to the New Year, in fact busier than I expected. I agreed a sale on the second day back, two exchanges and a few valuations in the second week and hope that has set the trend for the year to come. Rentals were slower to take off, but picked up a couple of weeks into January and are steadily getting busier in all price ranges. The frenzy around the Olympics has certainly picked up too - there are many property owners enquiring as to how they can profit from this time. Caroline MacLean, Brian Lack

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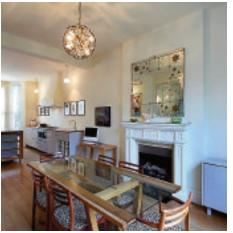
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£4,100,000 Freehold Aldridge Road Villas W11

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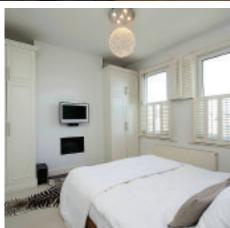












£750,000 Leasehold Munster Road SW6

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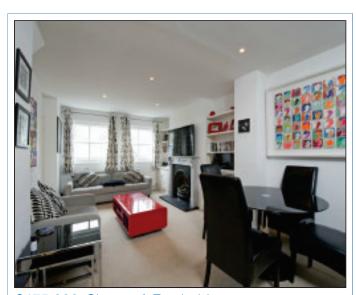


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